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It is a difficult thing for a son to write the life of his father. If he is dispassionate and critical, he will be denounced as wanting in natural affection; if he is warm and laudatory, he is certain to be accused of partiality and gush. Between the biographical Scylla and Charybdis, Mr. Sulivan has steered an even course, the more easily, perhaps, as his father's character was one which demands approval from even an alien; and he has succeeded in relating the story of his father's career without undue or unbecoming adulation. Sir James Sulivan was indeed a man of remarkably sound and prompt judgment, who did and did well whatever he was called on to do, and who did not attain to the highest honours in his profession only because, having been early thrown into the more scientific branch of the service, he was better known to the Admiralty, and also to the navy at large, as a pilot and surveyor, than as an exceptionally good disciplinarian, singularly gifted with the power of winning the confidence of those under his command, and with an instinctive insight into the designs of an enemy, and extraordinary fertility of resource in time of danger. But it has long been the positive though unwritten rule of the Admiralty not to separate a surveying officer from his peculiar line; and though at the beginning of the Russian War in 1854 Sulivan was anxious to be appointed to the command of a line-of-battle ship or even a frigate, he was of necessity condemned to the apparently less brilliant work of reconnoitring the enemy's coast and suggesting plans for others to execute. His brother officers were well aware of the value of his work, but, in comparison with others, his name was little known to the general public.

Sulivan was one of a naval family. His father, his father's three brothers, and his maternal grandfather were all in the service,

and it followed as a matter of course that he himself and his brothers should be also destined for the navy. When a little over twelve years old, he was sent to the college at Portsmouth, and passed out, with the mathematical medal, in 1824. He was then appointed to the Thetis frigate under the command of that most able but eccentric officer Sir John Phillimore, now best known by the tradition-for the truth of which Sulivan vouches—of his having given his chaplain an acting order as bishop, and sent him on shore at St. Michael's to con-secrate a burial-ground. In his day, however, he was well known as a good and careful officer, eager for the promotion of reforms for the benefit of the seamen, "a kind protector to those over whom he was placed in authority, but less agreeable to those under whom he served." He had conceived an objection to youngsters who had been at the college, and refused to have Sulivan in his ship. "He sent for me," Sulivan in his ship. wrote Sulivan,

"to his cabin, and told me that he had never known a collegian worth his salt, and he used strong language against the college and all connected with it. I forgot he was the captain and spoke hastily in reply; he ordered me out of the cabin, and followed me quickly to the door. In a short time he sent for me again, and told me that the ship was going out for about two months with an experimental squadron, and that he would try me. He went on shore, and told Capt. Loring [the governor of the college] that he liked the way I stuck up for the college and the spirited way in which I spoke to him, and that he should try me."

The result of the trial was that, on returning from the cruise, Phillimore asked Loring "to recommend him two more collegians," and that Sulivan remained. This brought him into close intercourse with Robert Fitzroy, the junior lieutenant of the Thetis, who, he wrote,

"was very kind to me, offered me the use of his cabin and of his books. He advised me what to read, and encouraged me to turn to advantage what I had learned at college by taking every kind of observation that was useful in navigation."

When the Thetis was paid off she was immediately recommissioned for the South American station, Sulivan remaining in her with his friend Fitzroy; and when, in 1828, Fitzroy was promoted to the command of the Beagle, he took Sulivan with him. Some months later he advised Sulivan to go home to pass his examination; but when, in 1831, he recommissioned the Beagle for her second voyage-the well-known voyage in which he was accompanied by Charles Darwin-Sulivan, by that time a lieutenant, again joined him, and continued with him during the whole five years. It was a severe training which could scarcely help bringing out whatever good was in a young man; and whilst it made Darwin one of the first naturalists of the day, it rendered Sulivan one of the most competent of practical surveyors.

After the return of the Beagle, Sulivan was sent out in command of the Arrow to survey the Falkland Islands, on which service he was absent for two years; and in 1842 he was again sent, as commander of the Philomel brig, to complete the survey. The work was, however, sadly disturbed by the civil war then raging round Monte

Video, which required the presence of the British squadron in the Plate, and in the emergency the Philomel was counted as a ship of war. In the operations of 1845-6 she had, in proportion to her size, a very full share; but the most valuable part of her assistance was in the surveys and reconnaissances which Sulivan carried out in the then absolutely unknown waters of the Upper Parana. The account of forcing the passage of the river at Obligado on November 18th, 1845, silencing the batteries and cutting the chain, is here printed at full length from Sulivan's letters. It was a spirited affair, in which the enemy from the position of their batteries and the strength of the boom had a very great advantage, while the English and French ships were of but small force. The gallant way in which the chain was cut under the personal command of the late Sir James Hope, then captain of the Firebrand, has often been spoken of, but has never been described with the present minute attention to detail :-

"With three boats he pulled for the chain, about the seventh or eighth vessel from the island and within five hundred yards of the batteries. In a moment there were three sets of saws at work-one with Capt. Hope cutting through the four cables on the deck of one of the vessels; the others with Lieut. Webb, Mr. Nicholson, and Mr. Commerell, midshipman now Admiral of the Fleet, G.C.B., and V.C .cutting the six riding cables of three vessels.

The whole fire of the batteries appeared to be directed on the small clusters of men on the vessels' decks. Yet, though round and grape shot were driving splinters from the spars and decks on which they stood, not one man was touched, and in four minutes the ten chaincables had been sawn through, and three vessels swung out of the line, leaving a gap nearly a hundred yards wide. From prisoners we learnt that the general had ridden to the batteries and offered fifty ounces (200l.) to the men of any gun that would knock Capt. Hope down—his tall figure (six feet two inches), standing by the working parties, making him a conspicuous object.

It is particularly worthy of remark that out of the small number of officers present at Obligado a large proportion were afterwards known as in the foremost rank of the navy. Capt. Hope and Mr. Commerell have been already named. The late Sir Edward Augustus Inglefield and Sir A. Cooper Key were two others; and Mr. Tuck, an assistant engineer of the Firebrand, whose hands actually cut the chain,. was for many years instructor in steam and the steam engine at the Royal Naval College. Key, then a lieutenant in command of a small tender, had won his commissionunder a new regulation at the college at Portsmouth, and in getting the stranded Gorgon afloat in September, 1844, had shown a capability of turning his scientific attainments to practical uses which augured well for his future.

When the fleet for the Baltic was fitting out in 1854, Sulivan, though a captain of some seniority, was appointed to the Lightning, a small paddle steamer, for surveying duties, and in her he closely reconnoitred the Russian coasts, especially in the Gulfs of Finland and Tornea. It was he who examined and reported on the possibility of attacking Bomarsund and of shelling Sweaborg, both of which were afterwards done,

though neither at the time nor in the manner that Sulivan had suggested. Throughout both years in the Baltic he was constantly consulted by the commanders-in-chief. It was a peculiar and delicate position; and that his conduct was fully approved not only by his superiors, but by his equals, speaks strongly for his tact and discretion as well as his sagacity. By far the larger part of the present work is filled with a detailed account of the operations in the Baltic, mostly given in the form of extracts from Sulivan's letters and journals. It is an important contribution to a little understood piece of history, and is worthy of careful study. After the peace Sulivan was appointed professional adviser to the Board of Trade, in which office he continued till 1865, when he retired, and for the rest of his life resided at Bournemouth, where he died on New Year's Day, 1890. In now publishing this memoir Mr. H. N. Sulivan has no doubt been mainly actuated by a sense of filial duty and a desire that his father's share in important transactions should not be forgotten; but he has also produced an interesting record of matters but little understood, unconventionally and unofficially written by one who was yet in a position to know a good deal about them. In that way the book has a wider value than even that of being the life of a good officer and a good man.

Buckle and his Critics. By John Mackinnon Robertson. (Sonnenschein & Co.)

A BITTER rancour runs through this book that may go a good way, in many quarters, towards frustrating its author's purpose. Mr. Robertson quarrels with every writer of history of any note in the past and the present generation, with the single exception, we believe, of Dr. Gardiner. And one and all he dismisses with contempt. Indeed, it is refreshing to read such plain words about some reputations still capable of inspiring awe in the breast of examinees. Macaulay and Carlyle had rather literary than scientific minds. The former repre-sents above all things English Whiggism, and his gifts never put him far in advance of the current public opinion of his time. His attitude towards Buckle and towards the intellectual movement of his day is the measure of his development. Mr. Leslie Stephen is a readable writer and an intelligent thinker, possessed of a knack of showing cause for his views, but one who gives little proof that he has ever sought to satisfy himself of the consistency of his opinions with one another, and who shows small concern or capacity for strict critical justice. Prof. Fiske's earlier criticism was the feat of facile youth, and his later attempt a mere piece of university priggism, consisting of unmeasured and indecent detraction. Mr. G. A. Simcox is also a university prig, although of a higher descent, but he ranks in contemporary letters as the author of a history of Latin literature, the faults of which Mr. Robinson loftily abstains from recounting. Mark Pattison, too, possessed a certain amount of academic assumption, a certain hauteur of scholarship, yet he was capable of disgrace-fully mangling a familiar quotation from Goethe, and of being inconsequential in his

argument against Buckle. A man is not a B.D. and a don of Oxford for nothing, and Pattison's wide scholarship and instinctive rationalism could not wholly save him from the logical enfeeblement which the academic life around him tended to produce. Prof. J. K. Ingram, we are sorry to learn, displays an intemperate tendency to detraction in his treatment of all economists and sociologists not adhering to Comte. Prof. Flint is a reverend gentleman who ranks among specialists on the strength of an unfinished work, and whose treatment of Buckle cannot well be accused of wilful perversion because it proves in the end damaging only to his own character for intelligence. Prof. Masson's criticism of Buckle is out of date, fatally diffuse, and smacking in its dialectic of the early numbers of Fraser and Blackwood. Bishop Stubbs is one of our most eminent archeologists, a writer who curiously combines exact erudition and much practical judgment with a typically episcopal philosophy and a most unepiscopal wit, and one who illustrates in a conspicuous instance the tactics of the clucking hen and philosophy of our university staffs. Mr. Goldwin Smith is the embodiment of orthodox pragmatism, with as little of learning as of candour, sincerity, and judgment. Froude's habit of thought and facile flashiness are only some of many illustrations he gave of what a man can come to by living perpetually in a steam of random rhetoric; and his school represents the low-water mark of historical judgment in this genera-tion. The late Mr. Freeman had but little more of philosophical insight than Froude, and possessed nearly as much of fatal fluency; but he was not cursed with the psychology of a chameleon, so that at worst he does but fatigue his readers with voluble platitude where Mr. Froude, a fashionable preacher gone wrong, leaves us hopelessly struggling to distinguish between his history and his hysteria. Sir Henry Maine's teaching is riddled with contradictions, covering an inconsistent series of prepossessions and mock inductions with a mask of argument and system. A recalcitrant to the true historical or comparative method, a high-bred and scholarly man of prejudice, he destroys his own positions one by one by his own lack of logic and insight, and his work has only held its position at the universities through the helplessness of students given over to degree-hunting and through the incompetence of their supervisors. And so on, and so on; for this is not a tithe of the whole. But the book is not all abuse and scorn. It is written with keen logical acumen and an immense display of philosophic as well as historic knowledge. Indeed, the answers to Buckle's critics are as able as they are disrespectful; while, having disposed of Buckle's detractors, Mr. Robertson proceeds himself to a positive criticism of his author, more especially of Buckle's unphilosophic denial of progress in the moral as opposed to the intellectual faculty and standard. Finally, he adds a masterly résumé of all the sociological work of which we can yet boast, and, of course, scouts it. The conclusion of it all is that neither for method nor for actual results achieved has Buckle's work ever yet been superseded or surpassed.

We are free to confess that we should not like to come under Mr. Robertson's correction: it is slightly too virile. Let us be affable, therefore, and appease him by admitting that Buckle's book is one of the few attempts at constructive synthetic work in the domain of history which have a permanent value. To say this is not to belittle the claims of diplomatic or constitutional or ecclesiastical history. These latter in no way compete with Buckle's subject, and the comparison is as useless as it is irritating. We further believe that the disregard for Buckle evinced by professional historians is quite as much based on ignorance as under-standing. But when all is said, how far have we got? Is Buckle's work an introduction to sociology? or-in another direction - is it such a synthetic representation of history as the world is learning more and more to look for? We can easily disregard the incomplete state of the work-it is but a fragment of a fragment-premising that its general plan is sufficiently foreshadowed even amid the disorder of the literary treatment. Buckle first investigates the difference between such primary civilizations as took rise in India, Egypt, Peru, &c., and establishes the difference between them and other later or secondary civilizations which arose in Europe. In the primary the civilization is conditioned by the natural environment, in the secondary by intellectual develop-ment. Leaving the first, therefore, and coming to the second, the problem for the historian is to trace the process of intellectual growth. There is nothing to say against such a ground plan. But it is important to bear in mind that it has two results which seriously affect Buckle's science and our attitude of mind towards it. (1) His synthesis or science or philosophy is one of continuous growth, and not of decay or of growth mixed with or followed by decay. (2) Owing to the peculiar cast of mind of Buckle himself (which is seen in a more accentuated and uncompromising degree in Mr. Robertson), his conception of the intellectual growth on which European civilization rests is related mainly to one single process, that of the overthrow of theological or religious influence. The practical outcome of the first of these two consequences is that at a blow Buckle is enabled to rid himself of the problem of the decay of classical civilization and of the even more complicated problem of the transmitted effect of classical civilization on later European civilization. This is not an intentional omission on Buckle's part, but such an omission in any history of civilization is most serious; and further, the attentive consideration of these two problems would have radically altered Buckle's views and manner of treatment of the subject as a whole. As compared with that of India, Egypt, and Peru, the civilization of the classical nations was of the secondary order, and its progress was conditioned mainly by intellectual development. Why then should such a civilization have decayed? We do not believe any more than Mr. Robertson that intellectual development or civilization or the life of nations is cyclical, that it has its flow and ebb, that decay follows growth as surely as night follows morning. But if we thus bow fate out of doors, we are still left face to face with the

problem of the decay of civilizations. By what is that conditioned? What is the scientific analysis or what the synthetic exposition of such a process? Of course we could all write examination papers to our own satisfaction explaining the internal decay of Greece before Macedon and Rome, and of Rome before the Italian and world empire, and before the great popular migrations. But if we could do this satisfactorily by the aid of such histories as we already possess, then a history of classical civilization is not needed; and if we could not do this satisfactorily, then it is a most important gap in such a scheme as Buckle drafted. For, assuredly, the case in point is one of a secondary civilization whose period of progression covered as long an extent, perhaps, as may be before our own civilization, and whose process of decay was as fruitful in germs of later influence as possibly our own may be. To commence the history of secondary civilizations, therefore, with the fifteenth century is a double absurdity. It is impossible to suppose that Buckle did not know this. Then why-we ask again -did he not commence at the logical point, and trace the history of secondary civilizations from their commencement in the Greek world? The answer can only be that his formula (of secondary civilization being conditioned mainly by intellectual growth) left no room for even the possibility of a period of decay. In Buckle's view—and, it may be surmised, in Mr. Robertson's also-intellectual growth is necessarily a continuous process, and he was, therefore, obliged to turn to the only period of history in which, as yet, intellectual growth has been continuous, i.e., to later Europe. But all this is only an arbitrary limiting of the term "civilization" to a particular manifestation of it-a manifestation, too, which is of all the less value for scientific study because we do not yet know its outcome.

Mr. Robertson will not accuse us of raising a side issue, for he himself has a suspicion of the range of phenomena which will not accommodate themselves to Buckle's formula of the progress of secondary civilizations. He might, indeed, have been a little more candid. How was it, for instance, that after the Socratic philosophy had overthrown belief in the national religion the popular mind of Greece did not follow the intellectual lead, but gradually relapsed to a lower and lower state? Here is a process of decay in the nation parallel and contemporary with a process of intellectual advance. Mr. Robertson tries to throw light on some such problem by arguing in effect that the Greek of the fourth century B.C. was behind the Greek of Homer's pages in the main essential of civilization. Homer's men and women were equal in their spheres, but the development of the Greek of the fourth century B.C. was a development limited to the male, and any such one-sided development leads to the physical and mental deterioration of the race. But to state this is to state a result, not to explain a cause. Even if we granted it in toto, which we do not, we still wish to go behind such an assumed fact and demand why it was that the undoubted intellectual progress which went on from the eighth to the fourth century was accompanied by a process of differentiation between the sexes, or, indeed,

by any other process which made against civilization. Either the scope of the word civilization must be extended so as to embrace these conflicting and apparently self-contradictory factors, or else—what is more likely—Buckle's formula of the progress of secondary civilizations is inadequate. It explains periods of growth, but it has no meaning to assign to periods of decay.

The second objection raised is, to our mind, even more important. When all is said, Buckle's method is not inductive as against, say, an entirely unscientific or merely deductive method employed by the other (professed) historians for whom both Buckle himself and Mr. Robertson have such scant regard. Buckle's own views were as subjective, as conditioned by his own mental state and preposessions, as those of any equally careful historian of his own day were. We might even say they were more so. The main obstacle to intellectual development to him was the Church and ecclesiasticism, whether in institution, form, or dogma. He sees nothing in Church history but this antagonism to progress, in the same way that he sees nothing in Burke's hatred of the Revolution but the wreck of a once mighty intellect. All this is merely subjective, opinionative utterance, and as far as possible from an inductive, scientific historical method. Mr. Robertson improves on his master, for his own subjective assertion is even stronger and stranger, both against the Church and against any impugner of democracy. He affords us, indeed, a palpable instance of a reductio ad absurdum. He has the courage of his conviction and dares to prophesy, and such is his prophecy:-

"That, provided there be no great foreign war or domestic commotion, the English House of Lords will be abolished within half a century; that members of Parliament will be salaried within a quarter of a century; and that the monarchy will be abolished within one or two centuries—that is, unless the nation begins to retrogress greatly within that time by reason of the exhaustion of its coal supply.

"That if the habit of saving continues to flourish in France and England as now, in excess of the possibilities of safe investment, there will be many more financial swindles and scandals on a large scale.

"That the strifes between capital and labour in the United States will go from bad to worse, unless far-reaching measures of social reconstruction are resorted to.

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"That the infantile death-rate among the poor in England will ten years hence be much heavier than among the rich, as it is at present.

"That the British Islands will, within a few generations, be under federal constitution,

generations, be under federal constitution, unless foreign or civil war retards their political development.

"That the Socialist movement in Germany will continue to grow in the immediate future unless the Emperor resorts to a war policy."

Now, apart from the impotence of such writing, it is, in the first place, unscientific in the sense of that science of history which Mr. Robertson magisterially lays down. It is not inductive. It is not a legitimate deduction following a long process of historic comparison, analysis, or induction. It is simply a subjective utterance, a statement of opinion, and, in addition, simple rant. An equally intelligent observer with Mr. Robertson might predict for the twentieth century a return upon the political

experience of the nineteenth, and for its intellectual development a period of pause, of slow gestation and assimilation of all the crude, hastily acquired materials of knowledge which we are engaged in quarrying. But that, again, would be a simple statement of opinion, and valueless but for its curiosity—like Mr. Robertson's. The Positivists may be wrong in professing to find the Church beneficent in human affairs, and therefore venerable, through the greater portion of sixteen centuries. But it is quite certain that both Buckle and Mr. Robertson are incapacitated by the constitution of their minds from anything like a scientific estimate of the part which the Church has played in European civilization.

But the latter is only one objection. When we find Mr. Robertson vindicating Buckle's work as an introduction to sociology, and such a one as has not yet been superseded by that of the more professed writers on sociology, we can partly understand the attitude of the ordinary historian towards Buckle and the alleged neglect of his teaching in these later days. The time for such a synthesis as Buckle projected has not yet come, and all such work, whether professedly sociological or not, is simply an attempt to build without bricks. And when the Oxford tutor speaks of such products as amateur, he means simply this. Presuming we limit ourselves as Buckle did to the history of late European civilization, the conditions precedent to such a synthesis are exact knowledge of the economic development of the modern world, including a history of economic theory; an exact constitutional history, including political, institutional, and religious developments; an exact political history; and, finally, a science of statistics. Presuming we start further back, we need an exact anthropology, an exact physical geography, and possibly an exact comparative mythology. At the present moment we do not possess even the shreds or rudiments of a single one of these, and any reader rising from the perusal of the later chapters of Mr. Robertson's book, which treat of modern sociological work, will be painfully conscious of the fact. It is impossible to avoid feeling that Buckle was wiser than his disciple, and that the historic interest of the master's book will long outlive the more extravagant pretensions which Mr. Robertson makes for it. But in so far as Mr. Robertson has sought to vindicate a great work from petty and ignorant misrepresentation, we are devoutly at one with him. That any man should have even attempted such a synthesis as Buckle did, in so imperfect a state of knowledge as ours, ought to elicit twofold admiration, and it does.

Hausaland; or, Fifteen Hundred Miles through the Central Soudan. By Charles Henry Robinson. (Sampson Low & Co.)

The sub-title of this book is a misnomer, since the entire basin of the Niger lies within the geographical area known as the Western Sudan; and its "principal object"—"to enlighten public opinion as to the existence of slave-raiding and of all its attendant evils"—is somewhat obscured by the introduction of extraneous matter.

In the course of his visit to Kano, the commercial metropolis of Hausaland, Mr. Robinson followed a route which has been made familiar to readers by his distinguished predecessors, and traversed a country which has been admirably described by Barth and others. He could, therefore, scarcely hope to add much to our geographical knowledge of the Niger-Benue region. He furnishes, however, an interesting account of Zaria and Kano at the present day, as well as serviceable information regarding a patch of hitherto unexplored land in the neighbourhood of Birnin - Gwari. His itineraries, with quotations from his diaries sparingly introduced, illustrate the usual diffi-culties of the African traveller with a small caravan, and emphasize the iniquitous custom of paying tribute to petty chiefs and village headmen. But Mr. Robinson's true object, if he will permit us to interpret his published statements, was neither geographical exploration nor the disclosure of facts well known regarding the slave - hunting regions of Western Equatorial Africa. It was to carry on the work begun by his brother, the Rev. J. A. Robinson, described as "a scholarly and scientific study of the Hausa language"; and in that respect he has performed a most useful task. As the selected "student" of the Hausa Association, he spent the greater part of a year in the home of this interesting and progressive people, after preliminary studies at Tripoli and Tunis, where Hausa residents may be found. The net result of his labours, valiantly pursued, and ably seconded by his two European companions, was to bring back with him :-

"(1) A careful revision of Dr. Schön's dictionary, augmented by at least 3,000 words; (2) materials for an adequate grammar of the Hausa language; (3) a collection of Hausa MSS., consisting of history and of historical and religious songs, translated into English and ready for publication [by the Cambridge University Press]; and (4) idiomatic translations of the Gospels of St. Luke and St. John."

These linguistic materials are of importance. Of the three current languages of Africa -Arabic, Suahili, and Hausa—the last has hitherto been almost totally neglected; and yet it is the common tongue of some fifteen millions of people, and is said to have been reduced to writing for at least a century. The Fulah, the governing race of the Hausa states, form only a minority among the indigenous populations upon whom they have imposed their rule and their faith, and are essentially a militant band of propagandists. Every wandering Fulah, accompanied by the drove of slaves he dearly loves to possess, represents the germ of a political state. Islam, even in its degraded forms, has in this way welded together an empire greater than the Mandingo kingdom it displaced; and the states subject to Sokoto and Gandu are to-day among the most progressive and industrious in Tropical Africa. Yet the peaceful and intelligent Hausa are subject to incessant civil strife arising from the curse of slavery and the slave-trade, upon which the prosperity of the governing class largely depends; and, though themselves addicted to amateur slave-trading, they are thereby hampered in their

development as an industrial people. But to argue from this primitive state of national life that a railway from Lagos to Kano, via Rabba on the Niger, would remove this original sin of Africa, is to adopt quite a superficial view. Mr. Robinson is also to be credited with the popular opinion in respect of the effects of Mohammedanism as a civilizing agency in Africa, and on the encouragement it affords to the maintenance of slavery. So that, on the whole, little or nothing can be learnt from his political studies in the Hausa states. The only practical measures he has to propose are, first, to introduce Maria Theresa dollars to replace the cumbersome currency of cowries and the wholly immoral currency of slaves; and, secondly, to induce the Sultan of Sokoto to accept other commodities than human chattels from the tributary states. Both these plans would have a beneficial effect. To stamp out slavery itself as an institution would be to destroy the foundations upon which social life is based in these countries-a herculean task: for so long as slavery exists, the slave-trade must flourish-at least, until we are prepared to put something better in its place, whether it be called legitimate commerce or British rule. And though a railway may introduce other products than gin, guns, and gunpowder, it cannot hope to tap all the regions harried by slave-hunters from which the demand for slaves is supplied. It would not, for instance, affect in any appreciable degree the most pitiable slave traffic of all in Africa -that across the Sahara Desert to Morocco and Murzuk, routes by which European goods chiefly reach the important markets of Timbuktu and Kuka as well as of Kano.

As a philologist, and as one who admittedly adopts the Royal Geographical Society's system of spelling place-names, Mr. Robinson should not have perpetuated obsolete forms, which are all very well in newspapers and popular magazines, but are not quite admissible in works of scientific pretensions. His practice, too, in other matters is a little inconsistent; he speaks, for instance, of Mahomet and yet of Mohammedanism.

Apart from these blemishes and some carelessness in the revision of the proofsheets, we have nothing but praise to bestow on the author of this readable volume of travels, whose contributions to Hausa literature and to our knowledge of the language more than justify the public support that has been accorded to him. The map does not conform to the text, but is in itself admirable, taking a patriotic view of political boundaries.

The Latin Language: an Historical Account of Latin Sounds, Stems, and Flexions. By W. M. Lindsay. (Oxford, Clarendon Press.)

A Short Historical Latin Grammar. (Same author and publishers.)

THE larger of the volumes by Mr. Lindsay is highly important, and exhibits the results of immense labour and erudition. Every working Latin scholar will not only admire it, but will be bound to pay it the practical compliment of daily use. The author's studies in the field of early Latin literature gave him one of the most needful

equipments for his task. The quality which is of the first necessity for any valuable survey of recent comparative philology as applied to Latin—sobriety of judgment is abundantly conspicuous throughout the volume, as it is in the admirable 'Short Manual of Comparative Philology ' recently published by Mr. Giles. The work with which scholars will naturally compare Mr. Lindsay's treatise is Stolz's introduction to the new German 'Historical Grammar' of Latin, and Mr. Lindsay will not suffer by the comparison. Both books have much in common, in method as well as in matter, and each has some advantages over the other; but the volume which is now before us must prove the more serviceable for general purposes. It registers details more completely; it more frequently supplies the words in other languages which are cognate to Latin words; it enables the reader better to understand the "pros" and "cons" which may be urged concerning rival theories, although it gives less information as to the scholars who originated the theories. Mr. Lindsay's treatment of pronunciation and accent is especially full and valuable. So great is the boon which the book confers that the marking of deficiencies seems ungracious. But we are persuaded that the work is destined to enjoy a long life, and to be popular enough to afford the author many opportunities of revision. Among improvements which may well be introduced in future may be mentioned a fuller treatment of the history of Latin writing, and the introduction of a general survey of the relations subsisting between Latin and its cognate languages and the so-called "Italic dialects." And we would plead for a fuller index. Extensive as the present index is, there are many detailed remarks scattered about the volume to which it affords no clue. A certain amount of space might have been economized by sundry devices, as, for instance, by the treatment of many questions concerning pronunciation in close connexion with the kindred questions of "representation" of sounds. A system of cross-references would have saved a good deal of room. On many points the same information is given over and over again. Thus the words contra and frustra are handled on pp. 211, 393, 550, 557-8, 581, and possibly on other pages. The derivation of *Iuppiter* is treated in almost the same words many times over.

This volume, along with that of Mr. Giles, should do much to dispel the prejudice which for a long time has been entertained by many classical scholars in England against comparative philology, as a subject with regard to which certainty or even reasonable probability is at no point attainable, opinion being supposed to fluctuate with the publication of every large or prominent book. Beyond question, much solid progress has been made in the philological analysis of Latin since Corssen's time, and the progress has been gradual and continuous, arising in about equal measure from increased knowledge of facts and increased rigour of methods. At the same time the newer criticism has done less for Latin than for Greek. Most men who have pondered much on the structure of the Latin tongue have been at some time or other haunted by a suspicion that there is in it a considerable refractory element, for the reduction of which no sufficiently powerful solvents are

yet within our grasp.

It would obviously be out of place here
to discuss at any length Mr. Lindsay's handling of the numerous knotty problems presented by Latin phonetics and morphology. We can offer only a few remarks on details. Considering the compass and com-plexity of the work, the oversights and inconsistencies in it are marvellously few, and it contains no error for which a scholar need blush. On p. 6 the author repeats a statement which is commonly made about the letter Z, viz., that it is to be seen on coins of Cosa. We think that a close examination of the coins naturally leads to the conclusion that the symbol is a form of S (see Mommsen, 'Röm. Munzw.,' p. 315). On the same page we read, "A special symbol for the g sound, made by adding a small stroke to the symbol C, is said by Plutarch ('Quaest. Rom.,' 54 and 59; cf. Ter. 'Scaur.,' 7, 15 K) to have been the invention of Sp. Carvilius Ruga, c. 293." But in the earlier of the passages of Plutarch there is nothing as to the date of the Carvilius who is mentioned, while in the second there is nothing about the letter g, but only a reference to a certain Carvilius, described as a freedman of the Carvilius who was alleged to be the first Roman to divorce a wife (i. e., the Consul of 235 B.C). P. 10, the reference to the peculiar symbol for E (two parallel vertical strokes) and a similar symbol for F (I with short parallel vertical stroke) does not fully intimate the frequency of their occurrence in quite early inscriptions. If it be true (as is most probable) that the oldest Scipio inscriptions were first painted in red on the stone, and then incised at a later time, it may well be that the carelessness of the mason in dealing with this symbol for E has led to two corruptions, and that we should read "subegit [not subigit] omne Loucanom opsidesque abdoucit" and "quare lubens te in gremium Scipio recepit" (not recipit). P. 114, it is unlikely that ob-mitto passed to ommitto and then to omitto. The account usually given, deriving the word from ops-mitto, is better; but it is very possible that mitto has itself lost an initial s. P. 150, even if we agree that the evidence of late grammarians about Latin accentuation is worthless, how can we suppose that Cicero, Varro, and Atticus could fail to perceive wide differences between the nature of the Latin accent and the accent in Greek, if such differences existed? P. 184, the first occurrence of barca is on a Spanish inscription of the second century (C. I. L., ii. 13) in which a ship-race is mentioned (barcarum certamen). The idea that the word became current in Rome in the time of Julius Caesar has little probability. P. 188, Mr. Lindsay accepts the view that the well-known Belolai ('C. I. L.,' i. 44) is the equivalent of Bellulae, and (from a reference elsewhere) he seems to agree that the word indicates a divinity like the Bona Dea. But may it not well be a mere imitation of καλή or καλής on Greek works of art? P. 210, the evidence for frustră in early Latin is strong, that for contră very weak. P. 212, Ritschl did not read putrefacit in Plaut., 'Most.,' 112, but a word of his own invention, putēfacit.
P. 214 (also 414), the supposed scansion

virginës (before a consonant too) in Ennius should hardly be put forward without a warning that it has been rejected by L. Mueller and many other scholars. P. 282, the explanation given of amnis comes from Johansson, who defends it, as Stolz says, "in ziemlich verwickelter Weise." P. 293, on account of the analogy of tignum and other words, the correlation of dignus with decet is more satisfactory than that with dicere. P. 307, the supposition of a pres-lo-m to explain prelum is not so good as that of prem-slo-m, which has often been put forward. P. 318, Festus, p. 333 M ("scribas proprio nomine antiqui et librarios et poetas vocabant"), hardly proves that scriba was "the early word for 'a poet." P. 339, we are glad to perceive that Mr. Lindsay rejects the notion that breviter (which occurs first in the work of the 'Auctor ad Herennium') is for breve iter, and became the type after which other adverbs in -ter were formed. But the whole theory of "nominative masculine adverb-forms" (p. 533) seems highly questionable. It is hard to see why inter-um, subter-um, praeterum, may not have lost the final syllable as easily as noenum and nihilum (this is allowed by Mr. Lindsay), and so have become models for the construction of breviter and the like. P. 334, the word metuculosus is isolated in so far as the quantity of its second syllable is concerned. Before very late Latin it occurs in only two passages of Plautus, and in them the true reading may be metunculosus, from a diminutive metunculus like avunculus. P. 341, the evidence for the existence of a conditio, for con-da-tio, is far from strong. P. 362, it should be noted that inermus is better attested in Republican Latin than inermis. P. 376, the explanation given of debilis (for dehabilis) as "easily handled" is not likely to be right. The adjectives in -ilis were indeed, as it seems, originally passive, but they readily acquired an active sense, as is shown by the uses of habilis, docilis, and some similar words in extant literature. Rather de- implies degeneracy, and debilis is to be compared with de-color ("off colour"), de-lumbis, and the like. P. 386, there is surely a wide difference between the "Aegyptum proficiseitur cognoscendae anti-quitatis" of Tacitus, and phrases like "sacrificium arcis piandae." The parallel quoted from Lucilius is too dubious to be worth anything. Ib., the name of Catullus should be mentioned as that of the first writer who employed the genitive in -ii from stems in -io. P. 405, the literal idea originally conveyed by the suffix -timus may have been that of a boundary, and it may be an offshoot from the root of τέμνειν and temno. Thus maritimus would be "bounded by the sea"; in-timus, "up to the limit within." The idea of a limit would fit the suffix for its use in the composition of superlatives. P. 414, battor should be given as Sardinian, not Sicilian. P. 421, mēd (accusative) may at first have been měd from met, and have been assimilated in its quantity to the ablative mēd, after which sēd and tēd may have figured as accusatives by imitation. P. 465, all the efforts of scholars since the appearance of G. Curtius's paper in his 'Studien' have not made the theory of a Latin strong agrist very plausible. P. 521, the statement about assentio is a little mis-

leading, as no distinction is drawn between forms (active and passive) connected with the perfect and those connected with the present. The existence of the former in the Latin of the best period is certain (there are at least a dozen examples in Cicero's writings); that of the latter is doubtful, or a good deal more than doubtful. P. 537. Prof. Postgate's explanation of the origin of the future participle active and future infinitive active, which is undoubtedly attractive at first sight, and has been pretty widely accepted, is here rejected for reasons which seem to be good. But in any case the passages from Gellius and Priscian, who quoted from their MSS. of the older authors such things as "illi polliciti sese facturum," have little or nothing to do with the matter. The gram-marians build absurd erections on mere copyists' errors, such as the curiosities in question for the most part obviously are. If any genuine examples of an indeclinable future active infinitive ever existed, they must have been mere vulgarisms, parallel perhaps to some of the examples of missum facias which are presented by MSS. now existing. P. 565, the taxo which is involved in dumtaxat can hardly be connected with tangere, since it is difficult to give a reasonable account of the change in meaning. It is more feasible to assume a connexion with the Oscan tang-ino-m, tang-in-ud, and the Praenestine tongitio, tongere (the latter in Ennius, cognate with "think"). Ib., the fact that igitur in old Latin is often combined with tum and deinde seems to afford no argument against the explanation of its origin which makes it an abbreviated question (quid agitur?). In telling a story such a question would form a natural break, and after the break the story would naturally go on with a time-particle. P. 568, it is not probable that alioquin, ceteroquin are anything but accidental corruptions (in our MSS.) of alioqui, ceteroqui; and they deserve no more consideration than atquin, which scholars generally have refused to accept.

The 'Short Historical Latin Grammar'

The 'Short Historical Latin Grammar' is an excellent summary—comprised within 200 pages—of the larger volume, with an introduction and appendices. The "list of spellings" and the "list of hidden quantities" are useful additions. Among the "most famous names" of Latin grammarians, given on p. 10, we miss that of Verrius Flaccus, who, as Suetonius says, "maxime inclaruit." The saying (p. 12) that poena is a loan-word from the Greek is hard, seeing that the word is at least as old as the Twelve Tables.

NEW NOVELS.

A Soul Astray. By Mrs. Lovett Cameron. (White & Co.)

In 'A Soul Astray' Mrs. Lovett Cameron has provided the reader with an eminently palatable réchaufé of materials which have formed the diet of generations of transpontine and Adelphian audiences. Thus Steeve Hardy—an Apollo and Agathos in one—the heroic farmer's son, a dead shot, mighty cricketer and football player, is an old friend, nor are we less familiar with Mary Clover, the virtuous and lovely nursery governess; Zilla, the splendidly handsome, but unscrupulous gipsy girl;

Lord Ralph Lyndon, the dissipated aristocrat with his "loosened lip"; the Rev. John Lorrimer, the magnanimous vicar; the good old earl; or the austere maiden aunt. Even the loutish rustic who "coomed back to give the coo her mash, Measter Steeve," is there with his dialect. And when it is added that Lord Ralph joins the Cape Mounted Police and Steeve emigrates to South Africa, and that both get mixed up with the Matabele, what more need be said of the attractions of a story which might have been written by no less eminent a littérateur than Sir Augustus Harris himself?

The Tender Mercies of the Good. By Christabel R. Coleridge. (Isbister & Co.)

MISS COLERIDGE'S novel is one of the most ambitious that have issued from her pen, and certainly not the least interesting. It suffers, however, from a plethora of strongly marked characters; the canvas is over-crowded, and in the effort to do justice to all of them the author subdivides the interest of the story into too many con-current channels and diverts the attention of the reader from the main motive. The prominence assigned to the various dramatis persona shifts with disconcerting rapidity; in short, the story, though full of good ideas, is confused and inartistic in its construction. Moreover, the semi-seamy side of life to which we are occasionally introduced is treated, as might be expected from the essentially refined character of Miss Coleridge's previous work, in a fashion which is not merely discreet, but artificial. And this criticism applies also to Miss Coleridge's contrivance of incident generally. Still, with all its drawbacks, the book is an eloquent indictment of the dangers of domestic repression.

Brenda's Experiment. By Surgeon - Major H. M. Greenhow. (Jarrold & Sons.) This novel is based on the marriage of an English girl with a native of India - a step which, however justifiable in theory, seldom turns out happily in practice, par-ticularly in the case of a marriage with a Mussulman. When the husband is a a Mussulman. When the husband is a European and the wife an Oriental the prospect is not so gloomy, yet even then the results are generally to be regretted, for Eurasians have generally the faults of both races and the virtues of neither. This novel may do good as illustrating the evils that too often attend mixed marriages, and the plot is sufficiently interesting and well worked out. The scene is chiefly in India, and of course adventures during the Mutiny are introduced. Surgeon-Major Greenhow is at home with his subject, and there is in his novel none of the absurd mistakes which spoil most Anglo-Indian romances. The worst feature is that the dramatis persona

The Cleekim Inn: a Tale of Smuggling in the '45. By James C. Dibdin. (Constable & Co.)

are very colourless people-little more than

puppets, indeed. Still, the fighting scenes

are well described.

ONE Hogmanay, a good many years ago, six young Scottish artists foregathered in London; they admitted one Englishman to their company; and they drank Scotch

whiskey, and they sang Scotch songs. The Englishman seemed to relish both toddy and songs, especially the songs, and of them one especially, 'Roy's Wife o' Aldivalloch.'
After the rest had left off, he kept on singing it to himself. This is how he sang it: "Roy's wife was well developed," and so on, and so on; it is one of those songs that seem not to have any ending. To that English artist we could safely recommend 'The Cleekim Inn.' Its heroine is sixteen years old at the opening of the story, when her unknown father is "a young, resolute, and broad-shouldered man of thirty or thereby." On the last page but one the heroine's husband shoots the said father; thereupon a witch "roots him to the spot, and makes his blood almost to freeze in his veins," by exclaiming, "Thomas Mason, ye hae killed the faither o' yer ain flesh an' bluid, and the grandfaither o' them that's tae come." After this it is hardly worth inquiring what is meant by a "Knox's psalter," how many Scottish kings have been buried beneath St. Giles's, whether in 1745 one had to cross the High Street to reach John's Tavern from the Tolbooth, or how "an immense stretch of sand joins Cramond Island to the mainland at one state of the tide, and removes it over a mile from the shore at the other." The Scotch is rather better than the English-"whom he had heard was one of the rebels," and a host of misrelated participles.

La Beauté. Par Madame Hector Malot. (Paris, Flammarion.)

MADAME HECTOR MALOT, wife of the distinguished novelist who has entirely ceased to write, is but a slow producer, and gives us now her third book. Her work is, however, constantly interesting, and we cannot wish that she should become a prolific writer, as the product might be less carefully studied and less artistic. In 'La Beauté' she makes a new departure, presenting us with a picture of felicity as complete as ever falls to the lot of man or woman. The opening of the book is sombre, and the reader is led to expect some of those calamities or catastrophes which have found place in novels (such as 'L'Épreuve') recounting the struggles of the artist's life. In 'La Beauté' we have, indeed, those difficult commencements without which the true artist has rarely been able to reveal himself, and which seem almost necessary to ultimate success on a high standard; and we have one moment, after success has been won, where a failure in the true purposes of life seems to be anticipated. But no good people who have also in them elements of greatness, or, at least, of moral grandeur, ever go through life without some check, at all events in the realm of thought; and 'La Beauté' gives, we repeat, a picture of the happiness of a man and of a perfect woman in as unadulterated form as is easily conceivable. The book is not, however, namby-pamby, nor is it even one of those unreal and unlifelike attempts to tone down the harsher aspects of existence which are supposed to be valuable for the young. It is not a young ladies' book, but a book which, in spite of

interest to those who have known life and suffered.

La Faim et la Soif. Par Mary Floran. (Paris, Calmann Lévy.)

A WELL-BORN, good-looking, clever light-cavalry captain and a well-born, good-looking, clever girl make up their minds, both being poor, to marry for money. They fall in love and marry one another: the wedding of hunger with thirst. Such is 'La Faim et la Soif,' which all, young ladies included, may properly read.

PROF. SAYCE ON EGYPT AND PALESTINE.

The Egypt of the Hebrews and Herodotos. By the Rev. A. H. Sayce. (Rivington, Percival & Co.)

Patriarchal Palestine. By the same. (Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.)

It cannot be said that Prof. Sayce's reputation will be increased by the two volumes which represent his literary activity during the year just past. With the exception of a chapter on the Ptolemies in the volume on Egypt, there is very little of value in either book which he has not said before; and much of their contents we seem to have heard from him more than once. They are, in fact, réchauffés of his former works, especially of his 'Herodotos' and 'The Higher Criticism and the Monuments,' intended mainly for the benefit of travellers in Egypt and inquirers after Biblical evidences. Now both travel in Egypt and the search for Biblical evidences are in themselves laudable occupations, and we are very far from saying that prominent scholars should not write "popular" books; but we own to some regret at the increasing extent to which Prof. Sayce appears to be devoting his powers to catering for this kind of public. Both on Moses and on Herodotus he has already expressed himself at length, and in language quite as intelligible as that of the present volumes; and the weaker parts of his cases derive no additional

The volume on Egypt falls into two distinct parts, which have nothing to do with one another except that they both relate to Egypt. "It is intended," the preface informs us, "to supplement the books already in the hands of tourists and students, and to put before them just that information which either is not readily accessible, or else forms part of larger and cumbrous works." Yet it must be a very indifferent guide-book which does not contain as good a sketch of Egyptian history, from Menes to the Ptolemies, as that which occupies Prof. Sayce's first five chapters-indeed better, since here the general history is subordinated to those parts which can be brought into connexion with the Bible. The interest which attaches to confirmations of the Bible narrative from outside sources is unquestionable; but to write the history of a country purely from that point of view is to present a distorted and misleading view of it, while the value of the confirmations is itself impaired by a too evident desire to adopt any explanation of a doubtful incident which brings it into connexion with the sacred history. It is no doubt true that a certain school of foreign criticism shows an equally evident desire to adopt every

explanation which tends to disparage the Bible; but it is not by imitating this feature in its methods that its attacks can be effec-

tually met.

The chapter which deals with Ptolemaic Egypt (and also, very superficially, with Roman Egypt) is the most novel portion of Prof. Sayce's work; but its adequacy (especially from the point of view of the tourist)
may be judged from the fact that it contains no mention of the temples at Phile. Among minor inaccuracies we may point out that there is no evidence that Alexander planted Samaritan colonists in the Fayyum, though, as Prof. Mahaffy has shown, Ptolemy Philadelphus probably did so. We should also like to know on what grounds Prof. Sayce bases his statement that the extant Greek version of Ecclesiastes was probably made by Aquila, and that the Septuagint itself never contained the book. A reference to Field's edition of the Hexapla is sufficient to disprove it. The story of the burning of the entire library of Alexandria during Cæsar's defence of the town is at least questionable. Coptic Christianity did not begin after the Diocletian persecution. The Coptic versions of the Bible belong to the third, if not the second century, and are themselves evidence of a considerable Coptic Church at that date. The scene with which the recently discovered 'Apocalypse of Peter' begins can hardly be identified with the Transfiguration, and Prof. Sayce's description of it is misleading. No one would understand from him that Moses and Elias are not mentioned in it, and that the two figures who are mentioned are described in language which is inconsistent with their being taken for the two great prophets of the Old Testament.

The second part of the volume, which relates to the Egypt of Herodotus (and in which the travels of Herodotus are said to be "followed for the first time in the light of recent discoveries"), is mainly a reproduction of a paper in the Journal of Philology and of parts of Prof. Sayce's edi-tion of the first three books of Herodotus. It is substantially the same unsympathetic account of that most delightful writer with which we are already familiar, without (so far as we have observed) any additional arguments to meet the criticisms which were offered on its first appearance. It even continues to be disfigured by the slovenly solecism "dragomen." Does Prof. Sayce talk of getting "firmen" for excavations, or would he express his distaste for the "higher criticism" by calling its leading

exponents "Germen"?

The appendices contain some useful lists of the Egyptian dynasties, of the nomes or provinces, and of the Greek writers on Egypt, besides some hints for archeological excursions in the Delta. The list of the nomes, which claims to be especially up to date, omits all mention of the Pathyrite and Peri-Theban nomes, which occur so fre-

quently in Ptolemaic papyri.

'Patriarchal Palestine,' it is pleasant to say, is not so unsatisfactory as 'The Egypt of the Hebrews and Herodotos,' nor is it so obviously a mere piece of bookmaking. It is true that Prof. Sayce has already gone over substantially the same ground in a recent work, neither more nor less technical than this, though of somewhat larger size

and scope; but the information contained in both with regard to recent discoveries, especially the tablets of Tell el-Amarna, is sufficiently new and interesting to justify We wish, however, that Prof. repetition. Sayce would not repeat himself so often within the covers of a single book as he does here; nor does it increase our confidence in his judgment when we find, instead of self-repetition, a calm self-contradiction. This is in connexion with Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac on Mount Moriah. On p. 77 the scene of the sacrifice is deliberately identified, without a sign of hesitation, with what was subsequently the temple-mount at Jerusalem; while on p. 185 this identification is equally deliberately rejected, and the reader is quietly told in the note, "For arguments on the other side, see p. 79." It is all very well to state both sides of a doubtful problem, but a writer is not justified in accepting both alternatives in the same

In spite, however, of some defects, Prof. Sayce's book is interesting, and contains a great quantity of information which is inaccessible to the ordinary reader. The geography, ethnology, and history of the land of Palestine from the time of Abraham to that of Moses are described with much detail, especial stress being laid on the great extent of the Babylonian influence during nearly the whole of that period; and a final chapter deals with the culture and religion of the Canaanites before the Hebrew invasion. Through all this Prof. Sayce is concerned simply with matters of history; and although there is room for questioning some of his interpretations of the documents on which the history rests (e.g., his explanation of the episode of Melchizedek), his views are at least such as may fairly be held, and there is little fault to be found in the tone of his arguments. It is only for a few paragraphs at the beginning and end of the book that he indulges in his favourite σκιαμαχία against the "higher criticism." The paragraph at the end is peculiarly unfortunate. It begins by stating that "we can almost fix the date to which the lifetime of Nimrod must be assigned." It proceeds to inform the public that, according to Genesis, Calah was built in his time, and that, according to the cuneiform inscriptions, Calah was built by Shalmaneser I., who was a contemporary of Ramses II., the Pharaoh of the Oppression. It concludes with the triumphant affirmation that "the voice of archeology is thus in agreement with that of authority, and here, as elsewhere, true science declares herself the handmaid of the Catholic Church." It is surely a somewhat remarkable way of proving that Moses was the writer of the Pentateuch to show that Nimrod, whom he represents as the grandson of Ham, was in reality a slightly earlier contemporary of his own. It will also be remembered that in 'The Higher Criticism and the Monuments' Prof. Sayce pointedly declared that the tenth chapter of Genesis was an exception to the generally early date of the Pentateuch, and must be assigned to the eighth or seventh century. It is consequently something of a surprise, even to those who have read many of Prof. Sayce's works, to find it said (without any reference to his former opinion, only a year old) that this

chapter "must be" of the age to which the Pentateuch lays claim, "and of none other," and that its statements are "applicable to no other age" than that of the eighteenth and nineteenth Egyptian dynasties - in other words, the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries before Christ. Shall we place our confidence in the Prof. Sayce of this year or of last year? Or in neither?

TALES OF ADVENTURE.

The Temptress of Mr. William Le Queux (Tower Publishing Co.) is highly melodramatic. Its heroine is just what the title might lead one to expect—a pretty, intriguing woman who tempts men to their ruin, and makes as much as she can out of them before they escape from her clutches. She is French, too, and has a temper; she is very seductive, and sticks at nothing. There are plenty of murders, and the men and women play for very high stakes in every sense. Mr. Le Queux makes his scenes move quickly, and naturally puts a certain kind of interest into his story, which deals with few characters except villains of the deepest dye. As for their separate crimes, they may be counted by the hundred. It is evident that the reader who

likes a highly coloured melodrama will be pretty sure to like 'The Temptress.'

A Set of Rogues (Innes & Co.), who figure in Mr. Frank Barrett's story, belong mainly to a small company of strolling players, driven from London but the great Plague and reduced to London by the great Plague, and reduced to dire straits in their effort to earn a living. At a wayside inn they encounter a Spanish don, who engages them in a conspiracy; and from this moment forward Mr. Barrett is thoroughly in his element. He tells his story in a style modelled on the diary of Mr. Pepys, and it must be admitted that he makes the utmost of his materials, including as they do improbable situations and eccentric characters. The "set of rogues" are very entertaining and goodhumoured, and the author does not waste his indignation upon them, but allows them to work out their drama off the stage without let or hindrance.

Mr. Raymond Raife calls The Sheik's White Mr. Raymond Raife calls The Sheke's White Slave (Sampson Low & Co.) "an account of the unravelling of the mysteries of the temple of Djaramos, the city of the desert." His hero, the white slave of the Arab sheikh, is one Tom Inglis, who had been taken into his uncle's the hands of a marauding troop. His adventures are, of course, varied and exciting, and he acts the man to very good purpose. We will say no more than that there was a treasure at Djaramos, which Tom tracks out with great courage and ingenuity, and that in due time his energetic uncle comes to the rescue. There is a good deal of fighting in the book, but it is told in a plain

and wholesome fashion, which young readers in particular are likely to appreciate.

Wild Rose, by Mr. Francis Francis (Macmillan & Co.), is another Mexican novel—they are legion—this time from the pen of "one who knows." Mr. Francis is at home on the ground, and tells his story of peril and adventure, and at the same time of character, in stirring fashion. It begins with the stage-coach, so familiar to readers of this class of book, and goes on to mining camps, gambling hells, and other things and persons. The loves and fortunes of "Wild persons. The loves and fortunes of "Wild Rose" and Ned Chase are, perhaps, on rather too heroic lines; yet there is no lack of human nature about the story, and the account of numerous exciting episodes should please many. It is odd to remember that Mr. Francis once wrote a book like 'Eternal Enmity'—it is so unlike his Wild West stories.

Mr. Maclaren Cobban's story of adventurous exploration—The Tyrants of Kool-Sim (Henry & Co.)—has all the hearty geniality of this engaging writer, but as a whole, to use an expres-

sive slang phrase, can hardly be said to "come off." The opening chapters are delightful; and the two truant schoolboys are drawn with such sympathy and humour that the dubious moral involved in their escapade may be readily overlooked. It is only when the journey into the heart of Africa is accomplished and the thrilling passage of the "Throat of Death" effected that Mr. Cobban's imagination begins to flag and lose in the quality of circumstantiality. The boys drop into the background; perils and horrors are piled up to an extent that renders the escape of the English party aggravatingly miraculous. The whole episode of the idol of the Sun God is wildly artificial, and the foot-notes which state that full details on many of the wonders and mysteries of Kool-Sim will be furnished in Capt. Betterton's forthcoming volume might well have been dispensed with. After all, the book is primarily intended for boys; and it is quite probable that the adult estimate of the later chapters may differ widely from that of an ingenuous youth of thirteen or fourteen.

The History of Godfrey Kinge, by Mr. Carlton Dawe (Ward & Downey), is a story of circumstance, not a study of character, or of the problems of humanity, or of motives and their consequences. It might have been more accurately entitled "a relation of certain events in the life of Godfrey Kinge, of Kingescourt, with a full and particular account of the machinations of his enemies, ending in their complete over-If the enemies in question had been savages, or Nihilists, or the guardians of a plundered temple in an Eastern clime, the adventures of the hero might have been more enthralling; but they are only conventional bad men and women of a familiar type of English melodrama, swindling lawyers and intriguing women, whose literary contour betrays the straw with which they have been stuffed. So that, although there is plenty of variety and interest, with some genuine excitement, in Mr. Dawe's unflagging narrative, the story of Godfrey Kinge does not rise above the level of its best-told incidents.

MEDIÆVAL POETRY.

Carmina Vedastina. Collected and edited by W. Sparrow Simpson, D.D. (Stock.)— Tragico-Comoedia de Sancto Vedasto. (Same editor and publisher.)—The City of London can boast of few better antiquaries, more especially in matters of ecclesiastical lore, than the Rector of St. Vedast's, Foster Lane. As rector of the combined parishes of St. Matthew, Friday Street, and St. Peter, Westcheap—a benefice he held for upwards of thirty years he compiled a valuable work on the history and antiquities of those parishes. In 1882 (the church of St. Matthew, Friday Street, having, like so many other City churches, been pulled down) Dr. Simpson was appointed rector of his present church, and forthwith began to interest himself, and endeavour to interest his parishioners, in the life and work of its patron saint. In 1887 he printed 'The Life and Legend of St. Vedast,' the outcome of a paper read before his parishioners as well as before the British Archeological Association. The birthplace of the saint is a matter of conjecture. We know little more than that in early life he attracted the notice of the Bishop of Toul, in whose diocese he took up his abode, and by whom he was admitted into holy orders; that he succeeded in winning over the Frankish king Clovis to Christianity; that he became Bishop of Arras; and that after an episcopacy of forty years he died in the odour of sanctity on the 6th of February, A.D. 540. The dedication to St. Vedast is very rare in England, only two other churches bearing his name being discovered by Dr. Simpson after prolonged search. That he was much venerated in Flanders is testified by a Flemish hymn in his

honour, which Dr. Simpson here sets out in full with a French translation and music accompaniment. It is, however, in the north of France, and more especially in the diocese of Arras, that the greatest number of dedications to the saint are found, and it is from the Municipal Library of Arras that Dr. Simpson has made this collection of hymns and other poems in honour of St. Vedast or Vaast. The library contains over a thousand manuscripts, the greater part of which were written in the Monastery of St. Vaast, a monastery reputed in its day one of the richest in literary productions throughout the north of France. The hymns thus collected vary in metre, and, as might be expected, touch more especially the legendary life of the saint, to whom a number of miracles have been ascribed. They are none the less a valuable contribution to hagiological literature. - In the 'Tragico-Comoedia de Sancto Vedasto,' edited by Dr. Simpson from manuscripts preserved in the library just mentioned, we are presented with a drama in which the main features of the saint's life are introduced, his early struggles and temptations, the various miracles he wrought, his influence over Clovis, his death and beatification. The play was written early in the seventeenth century, with a special view to its performance by the students of the Jesuit College at Arras, and is dedicated to Philip de Cavarel, Abbot of the Monastery of St. Vaast from 1598 to 1636, but the author is unknown. How a City church came to be dedicated to a saint so little known in England has already been discussed by Dr. Simpson in his life of St. Vedast, whilst the corruption of the saint's name into "Foster"—the name of the lane in which the City church of St. Vedast stands—was a subject of correspondence in these columns eleven years ago (Athen., Jan. 10th, 1885). Dr. Simpson gives two representations of the saint: one taken from an illuminated manuscript of the eleventh century preserved in the library at Arras, in which the saint is represented as seated on a throne in heaven, dictating to a scribe; and the other taken from a window in Blythborough Church, co. Norfolk, in which the saint is represented with a wolf (fox ?) and a goose, in illustration of the popular legend that the saint once saved a goose belonging to some poor people from the iaws of a wolf.

Un Nuovo Poema Latino. By Giuseppe Colucci. (Rome, Tipografia delle Mantellate.)—Readers of Dean Church's 'St. Anselm' will remember a striking description of a scene which took place in St. Peter's during the sitting of the Council which had adjourned from Bari to Rome in 1099, when Reinger, Bishop of Lucca, "a man of tall stature, and loud and ringing voice," paused in the reading of the canons to call attention to the wrongs suffered by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Signor Colucci introduces Reinger, or Rangerius, to us in another capacity. A Latin poem by him, in praise of his predecessor in the see of Lucca, Anselm of Baggio, is mentioned by the wellknown Donizone, who narrated in many thousands of assonant hexameters the life of the great Countess Matilda of Tuscany. But all traces of the poem had disappeared, till in 1806 a manuscript of it dating from the twelfth century was discovered by a learned Dominican called Villanueva, in the Benedictine monastery of Ripoll, in Catalonia. Villanueva made a copy of it, but the troubles in Spain hindered the publication, while the manuscript itself disappeared. It was found again, and restored to appeared. It was found again, and resolved to the monastery, but seems to have perished for good and all when that edifice was burnt in 1835 during the civil war in Spain. Villanueva's copy, however, turned up again, and got at last printed at Madrid in 1870. The poem itself consists of 3,658 elegiac couplets, not precisely Ovidian in character, but of passable Latinity and scansion, and fairly vigorous. It does not appear to add anything to what was previously known about

Bishop Anselm of Lucca, who was one of the most learned and generally esteemed persons of his rather turbulent time; he succeeded his uncle Pope Alexander II. in the see of Lucca, which Alexander appears to have held simultaneously with that of Rome—at least Anselm was only consecrated by Gregory VII. in the year of that Pope's accession. Rangerius had, therefore, a stirring time to deal with, and his poem is interesting as giving yet another picture of the greatest of mediæval Popes. Signor Colucci's book is practically a history of that Pontiff's reign (for Anselm died less than a year after him), with long illustrative quotations from Rangerius, and copious references, in the modern Italian style, to all the authorities. Students of the period may peruse it with ad-

THE LIBRARIES OF FICTION.

Mr. W. J. Locke made a distinctly promising start in 'At the Gate of Samaria,' and his new venture—The Demagogue and Lady Phayre, in the "Pioneer Series" (Heinemann)—fully maintains the high standard of literary merit and clear-cut characterization attained in his earlier novel. Daniel Goddard, the "demagogue," a striking, even a pathetic figure, and the story of his courtship, his self-education, and his short but unequal duel with a woman of the world is told with a happy mixture of sympathy and humour rare in writers of the school with which Mr. Locke has associated himself. The book, however, is not without serious faults in construction. It is almost incredible that a woman so essentially inquisitive as Lady Phayre would have abstained from ascertaining anything about the antecedents or domestic life of a social inferior before committing herself to what practically amounted to a proposal. Then the material and political consolations heaped on Daniel after his moral discomfiture are quite overdone, while the epilogue is as ill conceived as it is unnecessary.

The spirit of the age has not stamped itself to any alarming extent on the little volume of the "Zeit-Geist Library," A Master of Fortune, by Mr. Julian Sturgis (Hutchinson & Co.). It contains no more troublous element than a young woman with a taste for speculation and a fair (and unfeminine) knowledge of " markets." To call this quaint product of the century a "new woman," in the peculiar acceptation of the term, would be unfair and inappropriate. "Damnable iteration" has long been its portion, and displeasing is its connotation. "A Master of Fortune' is not exactly exciting, but it has points of interest. If slender in build, it is fashioned not without sleight of hand and familiarity with society's ropes. The emotion engendered by the somewhat quixotic character and action of the hero may not be wide nor deep, but 'twill serve to carry the reader along and, after all, that is what is needed. If a distinct atmospheric condition is to be noted, it is of light comedy. There is a satisfactory ending; the matter is wholesome; the manner, if not masterly, is easy. And that is enough to say of a story that gives itself no airs of artistic

or other seriousness.

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL LITERATURE.

MR. Sonnenschein has greatly enhanced the value of his excellent work of reference 'The Best Books' by issuing A Reader's Guide to Contemporary Literature. As it is almost as large as the volume it supplements, the additions, it may be surmised, are both numerous and important. If anything, they are too numerous. The brief notes as a rule maintain the compiler's reputation as a judicious and wellinformed adviser; but we must demur to the encomium passed on Dr. Berdoe's 'Origin and Growth of the Healing Art,' which appears to be anything but a careful compila-tion, and we cannot think that writer's 'Brown-

ing Cyclopædia' useful, for it is ill informed and may fairly be reckoned among "bad books."
Too great praise can hardly be bestowed on
Mr. Sonnenschein for the care, industry, and
knowledge he has brought to bear on this excellent compilation, which is in its way quite indispensable. We have detected only one misprint, "Creton" for Breton, on p. 771.

We ought to have noticed earlier the admirable index to the periodicals of 1894 which has reached us from the Review of Reviews. It is

really a most useful compilation.

Katalog over den Arnamagnæanske Håndskriftsamling. Udgivet af Kommissionen for det Arnamagnæanske Legat. Bd. II. Hefte II. (Copenhagen, Gyldendalske Boghandel.)—This volume completes the catalogue of the great Arni Magnusson collection of MSS., the first part of which was reviewed in these columns some years ago. We have nothing to add to what we then said as to the extraordinary merit of this most useful compilation. From first to last it is a triumph of bibliography. Even the minute and patient accuracy of the best German scholarship is here surpassed. The editor, Dr. Kalund, in his interesting preface, adds a life of Arni Magnusson himself, containing many details hitherto unknown. The account of the disastrous fire of October, 1728, which devastated the Icelandic collector's library, and from the shock of which he never recovered, is particularly noteworthy. It would appear from this account that the conflagration was not nearly so ruinous as it might have been, or as has hitherto been imagined. It destroyed, indeed, the bulk of Arni's memoranda and notes relating to Icelandic literature and family history, represent-ing the labours of a lifetime, as well as most of his printed books; but of the still more precious MSS. only fifteen out of 171 seem to have been burnt. The value of this 'Katalog' is immensely increased by five indices, including a subject and a chronological index, besides an alphabetical list of personal names.

Hirdskraa i foto-lithografisk Gjengivelse efter Tönsbergs Lovbok. Udgivet for det Norsk His-toriske Kildeskriftfond. (Christiania, Gröndahl.) -Scandinavian bibliographers will welcome this very carefully executed photo-lithograph of the so-called Codex Tönsberg. It is, in fact, one of the most interesting MS. versions of the old Norse Hirð-skrá, or Statute of the King's Lieges (circa 1320), being translated into Danish in the second half of the sixteenth century by a lawyer of Tönsberg, possibly Hans Jacobsön Lo. Arild Huitfeld subsequently printed another copy of this MS. translation at Copenhagen in 1594 under the title of 'Den Norse Hirdskraa eller Gaards Ret, &c., udset af gammel Norske paa Danske. The present reproduction of the original Danish MS. is remarkably clear and clean.

OUR LIBRARY TABLE,

MR. FISHER UNWIN publishes England's Wealth, Ireland's Poverty, by Mr. Thomas Lough, M.P. Mr. Lough appears to be a fanatic on the subject of the overtaxation of Ireland. Comparison between Great Britain as a whole and Ireland as a whole is misleading, for, Ireland being almost exclusively an agricultural country, the comparison ought to be between Ireland and the agricultural parts of England. So far from population and wealth increasing in the agricultural parts of England, they are both diminishing, although less rapidly than in Ireland. There are, however, parts of agricultural England, such as "derelict Essex," almost within sight of St. Paul's on a clear day, in which land has gone out of cultivation with a rapidity unknown in Ireland. The proposals which are to be made this year by the Government for the reduction of rates on agricultural holdings, and a payment in lieu from taxes, must apply to Ireland, because otherwise Ireland would be paying from her whiskey, her tobacco,

and her tea for the distress in English agriculture, while the distress in Ireland is greater. The matter, therefore, is one which will receive immediate attention.

WE have received from Messrs. Kelly & Co. the edition for 1896 of that excellent book of reference Kelly's Handbook to the Titled, Landed, and Official Classes, which we have commended year by year since its first appearance. It is the most practical of all the volumes of its kind.

Dod's Peerage is continuing to grow, and now contains not only a peerage, baronetage, and knightage, but the widows of baronets whose titles have become extinct, the widows of knights, and all those bearing courtesy titles; and it is as accurate as such works ever are. It is somewhat of a question, however, whether its form is so convenient for reference as is that adopted in 'Kelly's Handbook,' which, it will be remembered, contains also the magistrates and a selection of the landed and official classes. 'Dod' has a considerable position in the reference world, and will no doubt maintain it. publishers are Messrs. Sampson Low & Co.

The Public Schools Year-Book (Sonnenschein & Co.) is a useful annual, but we never have been Co.) is a useful annual, but we never have been able to understand the principle on which the selection of schools is made. Why include Felsted and omit Bury St. Edmund's? Why omit all the West-Country schools except Tiverton? Why include Loretto? and why give a photograph of Warwick?

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Nobody would more readily have gratified the reviewer of 'A Monk of Fife' by boiling Noiroufle the Cordelier than myself. But facts must be respected! After the carnage he wrought at Compiègne, Noiroufle did rise to great favour with Charles VII., and George Chastellain did see him celebrate mass before the king. The description of Noiroufle's editors the king. The description of Noiroufle's odious person is simply translated from Chastellain. Whether Noiroufle had "forgotten his clergy" Whether Noiroulie had Torgotten his ciergy or not Chastellain does not say, and, of course, his career of treachery in the novel is only "written up to" his villainous aspect as de-scribed by the Burgundian clerk, who particu-larly disliked him. Andrew Lang.

'SCOTLAND, PICTURESQUE AND TRADITIONAL.' MR. EYRE-TODD writes regarding his work 'Scotland, Picturesque and Traditional'

"Because the book is written in a popular and not in an antiquarian manner, the reviewer seems to infer that some of its information has been quoted without knowledge and at second hand. The scope of the work did not allow of very elaborate footnotes, else I should have furnished in that form nearly all the 'verifications' insinuated as desirable nearly all the 'verifications' insinuated as desirable by your reviewer. I do not mean to assert, of course, that there are no slips in the book.....The possibility of making a slip or two in a volume of considerable length may be judged from the fact that your reviewer makes at least one in his notice of sixty lines. It was not at Camelot, as he says, that I state King Arthur fell, but at Camelon, a very different place—a village personally known to me, three miles from the Forth, and near Falkirk. And my authority for the statement is the chronicler Nennius of the ninth century, a copy of whose work And my authority for the statement is the chronicler Kennius of the ninth century, a copy of whose work is to be seen in the Mitchell Library, Glasgow. Nennius is considered a trustworthy authority both by Skene and by Veitch, who deal at length with his statements. My authority, again, for the journeyings of the Coronation Stone is the fifteenth century chronicler Andro of Wyntoun, whom I edited for the 'Abbotsford Series of Scottish Poets' in 1891. To chronicler Audro of Wyntoun, whom I edited for the 'Abbotsford Series of Scottish Poets' in 1891. To the same authority, who is always considered trustworthy according to his lights, I owe the story of Queen Margaret's flight and burial, which your reviewer also desires me to verify. The trustworthiness of Blind Harry as an authority I hardly need to investigate, as I have already done so in editing him in 'Early Scots Poetry.' the first volume of the 'Abbotsford Series.' Again, for the identity of the Hugo de Moreville, founder of Dryburgh Abbey according to the thirteenth century 'Chronica de Mailros,' with one of the slayers of A'Becket at Canterbury, I relied upon the late Mr. Froude's 'Life and Times of Thomas A'Becket,' printed in 'Short Studies on Great Subjects.' There could hardly be two De Morevilles, Lords of Lauderdale, at the same period. Your reviewer, further, takes me up wrongly in supposing me to consider Scott the literary progenitor of Goethe. The sentence in which I trace the final development of the Romantic movement may not be very clear, but my intention was to state that both of these writers were indebted to the Romanticism of Ramsay, Fergusson, and Burns: Following Burns in Scotland came Scott, the greatest of all the Romancists, and after him elsewhere came Byron, Goethe, and Balzac.' I would point out to your reviewer, again, that I do not state, on p. 84, that Moray turned but Bothwellhaugh's wife. The fact is verified by

Tytler, and accepted by Hill Burton, that Bellenden, Moray's nominee, turned the lady out, naked, on a bitterly cold night, and that she became raving mad before morning.

On p. 294, line 30, of 'Scotland, Picturesque and Traditional, in a chapter devoted to Glasgow, Mr. Eyre-Todd writes: "Nearly two hundred years later, when King Arthur had fallen at Camelot," &c. There is, to the best of our remembrance, no other allusion in the whole of his volume to either Camelot or Camelon; we fail, then, to see how we made any slip in questioning "whether King Arthur fell at Camelot." There were twenty-one other questions propounded by the reviewer, and of these Mr. Eyre-Todd demurs to other seven; to those seven we revert seriatim, but very briefly.

The late Dr. W. F. Skene, in his 'Coronation Stone' (Edinburgh, 1860), by no means considers Wyntoun trustworthy; certainly Wyntoun's lights could not illuminate the post-Reformation translation of St. Margaret's relics from Dunfermline to the Escorial (cf. Hill Burton, i. 381), for Wyntoun himself had by then been a century and a half in his grave Mr. Eyre-Todd seems still to maintain that "Margaret, fleeing before the usurpation of Harold, landed in Fife to seek the protection of Malcolm Canmore." But the earliest posof Malcolm Canmore." But the earliest possible date for her landing is 1067, and Harold is commonly believed to have fallen the year before in the battle of Hastings. If Mr. Eyre-Todd has really been able to demonstrate the trustworthiness of Blind Harry, he has arrived at a conclusion strangely different from that of Dr. James Moir, who has edited 'The Actis and Deidis of Wallace' for the Scottish Text Society. If Mr. Eyre-Todd will consult the 'Liber S. Marie de Dryburgh,' Mr. John Russell's 'Haigs of Bemersyde,' and one or two other works, he will learn that the Hugh de Morville who did not found Dryburgh, but witnessed David I.'s foundation charter (1150), witnessed David I.'s foundation charter (1150), had previously, in 1116, been a witness to the 'Inquisitio Davidis.' At the date, then, of Becket's murder (1170) he would have been well over seventy; but he had died in 1162, when his son Richard succeeded him as Constable of Scotland. Hugh de Morville, Becket's murderer, was probably the son of Hugh de Morville, lord of the barony of Burgh-by-Sands in Cumberland; he died in 1204. Mr. Froude is not too high an authority as to Becket, any more than was Prof. Veitch when he penned the amazing statement: "Some hold that Morville was implicated in the murder of Becket. If so, the founding of Dryburgh was probably an expiation of this early deed of his life"! As to Goethe and Scott, we could not add anything to Mr. Eyre-Todd's own words; and as to Bothwellhaugh's wife, we admit that Hill Burton (vol. v. pp. 12-15) does give the current version of the legend. "As the story goes," he begins, and then cites it, and next in a long foot-note demolishes it.

THE SPRING PUBLISHING SEASON.

MESSRS. HODDER & STOUGHTON'S spring list includes the following: Ian Maclaren's new theological work, entitled 'The Mind of the Master,' — 'Sir Arthur Blackwood, K.C.B., Records of his Life,' compiled by a friend and edited by his widow, with three portraits,—
'Adeline, Countess Schimmelmann: Glimpses
of my Life at the German Court, among Baltic Fishermen and Berlin Socialists, and in Prison,' edited by W. Smith Foggitt, Pastor of the Fnglish Reformed Church, Hamburg,—'The Leaders of Thought in the English Church,' by Archdeacon Sinclair,—the first volume of 'The Books of the Twelve Prophets,' by Prof. G. Adam Smith, - 'John White, Memoir and Addresses,' edited by Mrs. Edward Smith,—the fourth volume of "The Anglican Pulpit Library,"
'Easter Day to Trinity,"—'The Nature of God,'
by the Rev. William Marshall,—and 'Creation centred in Christ,' by Dr. Grattan Guinness,

THE EPOCH OF ABRAHAM.

THE importance of the discovery by Mr. Pinches that Abraham was contemporary with Khammu-rabi of Babylon, in relation to ancient chronology, appears to me to be even yet insufficiently appreciated. "The date given for Khammu-rabi" (2346-2291 B.C.), says Prof. Sayce, "cannot be more than sixty years wrong." The date of the Exodus (according to wrong." The date of the Exodus (according to Prof. Petrie) under Merenptah (i.e. according to the interpretation of Manetho by Josephus, which is adopted by all the leading Egyptologists) must fall after 1208 B.C. Now the historical facts recorded in the books of Joshua, Judges, and Samuel cannot be compressed into the century which elapsed between the date thus assigned to the Exodus and that of the building of Solomon's temple; nor can the history of Abraham's family from the time of his leaving Charan to the Exodus be stretched into anything near a millennium. The whole Biblical history from Abraham to Solomon must be given up as impossible, or the long-chronologists must be mistaken. I venture, in spite of the enormous weight of authority against me, to hold the latter alternative, and to submit the following abstract of my own views.

First as to the Biblical dates. Starting from Manetho's epoch for the Exodus as given in Africanus's list, i.e. from the close of the reign of Amenofath at the end of the eighteenth dynasty (which in my reckoning is 1322 B.C.), we get the following data:—From Jacob's entrance into Egypt to the Exodus, 400 years; from Jacob's birth to his going to Egypt, 130; from Isaac's birth to Jacob's, 60; from Abraham's departure from Charan to Isaac's birth, 25; total, 615 years. This brings Abraham's descent into Egypt to 1937 B.C., and his battle with Kudur-lagamar to 1936 B.C. I do not enter on any explanation here of the intervening incidents, on which, however, I shall have somewhat to say elsewhere, being now concerned only with the extreme dates, 1322 and

1937 в.с.

Next as to the Babylonian dates. The hypothesis that all the dynasties of Babylon were successive is very plausible, but it is nevertheless not warranted by any definite statement in the monuments, and must not be upheld in the face of definite evidence to the contrary. Now of one dynasty, that of Uruazagga, all that is known is that the sixth king, Gul-kisar (B.C. 1960-1905, Sayce), lived 696 years before Nebukhadrezzar I., whose epoch lies between 1186 and 1122 B.C.—most likely c. 1140 B.C. Sayce's date for Gul-kisar is, therefore, impossible: he explains by supposing another king of this unique name belonging to some unknown dynasty. I prefer to make the whole Uruazaggite dynasty (which reigned, not at Akkadian Denlah hatti the Sussian district of the Babylon, but in the Sumerian district of the Persian Gulf) contemporary with the first and third dynasties. I cannot believe in eleven kings who reigned 368 years, left no mark on history, and yet were supreme over all Babylonia; nor can I admit an error of sixty years in the tablets, as Prof. Rogers hypothetically suggests. But if we reject this 368 years from the lineal chronology of Babylonia, the date of Khammu-rabi becomes 1968-1923 B.C., which exactly agrees with the 1936 B.C. for Kudurlagamar, who preceded the conquest of Eri-aku by Khammu-rabi in the latter part of his reign.

Finally, for the Egyptian dates. I gave in the Athenaum of July 20th, 1895, a trial table of my restoration of the scheme of the old Egyptian chronicler, in whom I placed at that time almost absolute confidence. I have since found that in one respect he was certainly wrong, viz., in abridging the duration of the Hyksos domination from 251 to 151 years, as he does by implication, though not by open asser-tion. I now feel confidence enough in my own corrected results to print a statement of them, as being the nearest approximation to the true chronology attainable from present data — at any rate, by the present writer :—

Dyn. B.C. L., 2883	Dyn. B C.	Dyn. B.C.	Dyn. BC.
112695 1112533			
V2479 V2382 VI2191	XI2288 XII2045		
VII2029 VIII2011	-1832	XIII2034 -1581	XIV2024
IX1865 X1766	XVII1732		XV., XVI1840
-1581	XVIII1591		XV. end1581 XVI end 1322

The first two dynasties are mythic.

I gladly acknowledge that the other main correction in this table is due to further investigation suggested by Prof. Petrie. It consists in omitting the overlaps at each end of the fifth dynasty, thus adding 117 years (or, with the hundred years already mentioned, a total of 217 years) to the epoch of Menes assigned by the chronicler. This addition of 117, however, does not concern the present argument.

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Taking then this emended table as a basis, I find that the year 1397 B.C. falls in the sixth year of Usertesen II.; that is, that the year in which, according to the Biblical dates, Abram descended into Egypt was the very year in which Absha, the Semite heq setu, came to Egypt with his presents (not with tribute). Why should "the father of a present" not have been a name assumed by, or attributed to, Abram, "the exalted father," who could hardly use so lofty a title on such an occasion? and why should the authentic portrait of Absha on the monument of Beni Hasan not be a record of the features of "the father of the faithful"?

With the interpretation thus given from a scheme evolved independently of and anteriorly to Mr. Pinches's discovery, I find perfect agreement between the Biblical, Babylonian, and Egyptian dates.

F. G. FLEAY.

SALE.

The four days' sale of the printed books and manuscripts of Mr. J. T. Frere, of Roydon Hall, came to an end on Tuesday at Messrs. Sotheby, Wilkinson & Hodge's, the 1,074 lots realizing the total of 3,747l. 18s. 6d. Ben Jonson, His Case is Altered, 1609, and The Alchemist, 1612, 31l. Nine Rare Tracts, 1503 to 1626, 80l. The fourth issue of Queen Elizabeth's Prayer Book, 16l. 10s. A volume comprising the Promptuarium Parvulorum Clericorum, 1512; Parabolæ Alani, 1525; and Joannis Despauterii Ninivitse, 1525, 20l. 10s. Joseph Lawson, Pennarum Nitor, 17l. E. Orme, Oriental Field Sports, 17l. Sandys's Metamorphoses, 1632, 31l. Tales of my Landord, 1816-18, first editions in the original boards, 16l. Shakspeare, Pericles, Prince of Tyre, quarto of 1609, 171l. A volume containing six early seventeenth century plays, including the Merry Divel of Edmonton, 1617, and Middleton's Tricke to Catch the Old One, 1616, 122l. The Faerie Queene, 1596, and Colin Clout's Come Home Again, 1595, both first editions, together 24l. A fourteenth century Latin New Testament, on vellum, 21l. The Paston Letters, 400l.; and fifty-nine original letters and papers to and from various members of the Paston family from 1564 to about 1662, 85l. The Gawdy Correspondence sold in two lots for 55l. and 99l.; and the Yarmouth Correspondence, 45l.

DEAF AND DUMB HEROINES IN FICTION.

My attention has just been attracted to a literary announcement that in a volume about to be published a deaf and dumb heroine is portrayed, and that "the author believes that the portrayal of a deaf and dumb heroine has never been attempted before." I think this statement should not be permitted to pass. In Wilkie Collins's early novel 'Hide and Seek' the heroine is deaf and dumb, and in Charles

Dickens's 'Dr. Marigold' the heroine—or rather, the only female of importance who figures in the story—is similarly afflicted. Whether we should be justified in adding Ben Jonson's Epicœne, the "Silent Woman," to the list is a point I leave others to decide, only observing that Jonson carried out the idea of having a speechless heroine. But, above all, was not Naomi, in Mr. Hall Caine's 'Scapegoat,' both dumb and blind? It is true that both curses are removed in course of time, but Naomi is for many years "in a silent world" as much as the heroine in the now promised volume could be. These instances at once occur to me; by seeking I think others would be found.

CUMING WALTERS.

Literary Cossip.

The late Mr. Murray had for many years collected materials for a complete edition of Byron's works in prose and verse. Mr. Murray had in his possession a considerable number of letters to various persons, including those to his father, some of which were not shown to Moore, as well as many documents and papers of interest. He had also acquired Lord Byron's own continuation of 'Don Juan' and several other unpublished poems and fragments. With the aid of these materials it is hoped that a final edition of Byron's works may be given to the world at no very distant date.

Messrs. Smith, Elder & Co. have in the press a novel, entitled 'Kate Grenville,' by Lord Monkswell, sometime Under-Secretary of State for War, and now a member of the London County Council. The work will be issued in the fashionable one-volume form.

MRS. OLIPHANT contributes to the March number of Blackwood a complete romance, entitled 'The Heirs of Kellie.' The scene is laid in Fife, with which some of the best of Mrs. Oliphant's novels have been associated. Mr. Neil Munro also contributes one of his characteristic Celtic stories.

The well-known Paston letters were bought at the Frere sale this week for the British Museum. All the Norfolk calendars included in the same sale, which once belonged to Antony Norris, and were compiled by Peter Le Neve, go to rejoin the rest of the series in Mr. Walter Rye's library. Since Norris bought them in 1780, their price has increased just twentyfold.

The Bodley Head has nearly ready for publication, under the title of 'The Feasts of Autolycus: the Diary of a Greedy Woman,' a selection of the cookery articles contributed to the Pall Mall Gazette by Mrs. Pennell, a series which has now come to an end.

The memoir of the late Rev. Dr. Solomon Cæsar Malan, which is in active preparation by his son, the Rev. A. N. Malan, may be expected towards the end of the year. It will be well if any letters or information which have not already been communicated to the biographer are forwarded to Messrs. Smith, Elder & Co., 15, Waterloo Place, S.W., by whom any original letters will be carefully preserved, and punctually returned

MR. RICHARD LE GALLIENNE is editing, of course for the Bodley Head, a new issue of 'The Compleat Angler,' reprinted from the edition of 1676, and illustrated by about two hundred drawings by Mr. Edmund H.

New. It will appear in twelve parts, the first to be out in March.

Two books by the late Mr. Addington Symonds, 'Walt Whitman: a Study,' and 'The Life of Benvenuto Cellini,' will appear in a popular form very shortly. Each work will occupy a single volume, and will be illustrated. Mr. Nimmo will also issue new one-volume editions of Walton and Cotton's 'Complete Angler' and of 'The Memoirs of Count Grammont.' Both will be illustrated, the former with portraits and engravings, the latter with etchings after C. Delort.

An extraordinary general meeting of the London Library has been called for the 27th inst. to consider the desirability of beginning the work of reconstruction without waiting until the sum of 5,000l. is subscribed, a condition imposed by the annual meeting in June last year. The amount received hitherto in donations is 3,600l. from eleven hundred members, about half the number of names on the register. According to the chairman's statement last June, 17,000l. will be required to carry out the structural alterations, 12,000l. of which are to be borrowed. The overcrowded condition of the shelves and the increasing difficulty of performing the routine business are said to make it necessary to endeavour to carry out the scheme as soon as possible.

THE programme of the forthcoming Secondary Education Conference at Cambridge is to be arranged to-day, by means of a consultation between a sub-committee of the Committee of Council and the invited representatives of six or eight educational associations, including those which have already held conferences to discuss the Commissioners' Report.

It is understood that the cause of public education in Ireland will profit this session by grants in aid of agricultural and other technical instruction, by assistance to the superannuation fund of the elementary teachers, and probably by a measure enabling the Christian Brothers' schools to share in the State subvention. The desires of the Roman Catholic bishops in regard to separate university education are not likely to be fulfilled at once.

THE inclusion of Cowbridge Grammar School in the Intermediate scheme for Glamorgan county is to be still further contested, a committee having been formed to draw up reasons against the absorption of the ancient foundation. The members for Cardiff and South Glamorgan have undertaken to show cause against the scheme in the House of Commons.

CO-EDUCATION in English schools appears to receive encouragement in one of the latest proposals of the Charity Commissioners, who are said to have framed a scheme for reconstituting Cartmel Grammar School as a mixed school for boys and girls.

THE Councils of the four Scottish universities are considering "identic notes" from graduates of Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow, and St. Andrews, in favour of a system of consular representatives at the various continental universities. It is estimated that over one hundred Scottish students are attending courses at continental

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universities, in addition to lecturers and other residents of Scottish nationality.

The last matriculations at the German universities added no fewer than 2,287 students to the foreign "nations"—mainly at Berlin, Leipzig, and Munich—for the current semester. The total number matriculated was about 28,600.

LORD GLENESK took the chair on Tuesday evening at the fifty-seventh annual meeting of the Newsvendors' Benevolent Institution. It seems that the proceeds from the last dinner amounted to 1,000%, making possible an increase of fournew pensions. Lord Glenesk stated that the report was a subject for congratulation, but regretted that more of the newsagents did not join the Institution. At the end of last year the funds amounted to nearly 15,000%.

Messes. Kegan Paul & Co. have in the press an edition of Johnson's 'Lives of the Poets,' with notes and introduction by Mr. Arthur Waugh. It will be published in six volumes, and will contain thirty portraits of the chief poets. The first volume will be published on March 1st, and a volume will be issued on the 1st of every month afterwards.

Mr. Ebsworth has sent to press the last instalment of the 'Roxburghe Ballads,' so that the completion of this valuable work may be looked for shortly.

The Syndicate of the French societies for the protection of literary and artistic property, which include the Société des Gens de Lettres, the Société des Compositeurs de Musique, and a host of others, have drawn up a temperate protest against the proposed Canadian Bill on copyright. They point out, rightly enough, that the Bill is in contradiction to the Berne Convention, and may lead to the secession of the Dominion from the Berne Union. The Bill, they complain, obliges the foreign author to reprint his work (and, if a Frenchman, to have it translated) in Canada within a limited time, under the penalty of seeing his book appropriated by others.

MR. CAINE Writes :-

"I will give myself in due course the pleasure of replying to the resolution of the French societies for the protection of intellectual property; in the mean time I wish to say that it appears to have been drawn up by a writer who has not seen the text of the draft Act, but only the summary which was published in the Times; also that the reading of the second article of the Berne Treaty is opposed to that of our departmental representatives in their report of 1892, and that the criticism of the proposed measure shows some want of familiarity both with its own terms and provisions, and with the relation of Canadian copyright to Imperial copyright and to the American Act of 1891. Moreover the French societies have not been informed on the position of Canada."

A New work on 'George Fox and the Quaker Testimony,' by Mr. Henry Deacon, is in the press, and will be published at an early date by Mr. Elliot Stock.

Messrs. Macmillan have copyrighted for America Miss Betham-Edwards's forthcoming story, which will be published simultaneously in London, Leipzig, and New York. The title is 'The Dream-Charlotte: a Story of Echoes.' Messrs. Black are the London publishers.

Dr. Marshall writes to us complaining that in our notice of his edition of 'The Lady of the Lake' we said that "the larger part" of the introduction "is devoted to an account of the metres of the poem." This is a mistake, for which we apologize to Dr. Marshall. The account of the metres fills only four pages out of twenty-seven.

Mr. W. Cudworth, author of 'Round about Bradford' and other books relating to Bradford and its neighbourhood, will have ready next month a 'History of Manningham, Heaton, and Allerton,' townships of the borough of Bradford. The work will be illustrated.

Mr. Mackall is translating the sixth book of the Odyssey, and not the ninth, as we stated a fortnight ago.

THE German papers record the death of Prof. Eduard Winkelmann at Heidelberg, a great authority on mediæval history. He was born at Danzig in 1838, and studied at Berlin and Göttingen. For some time he was employed as one of the editors of the 'Monumenta Germaniæ Historica,' but after a short period of work as a Privatdozent at Dorpat, he was invited in 1869 to the Chair of History at Berne, and in 1873 was called to Heidelberg as successor to Wattenbach, where he remained until his death, and was still lecturing, although in great pain, at the beginning of the present semester, when he had to be carried to the lecture-room. In 1883 he was appointed president of the Baden Historical Commission, and in the same year published his 'Geschichte der Angelsachsen bis auf König Aelfred.' He edited two volumes of the 'Urkundenbuch' of Heidelberg University, which were published at the academical jubilee. He was also employed by the Bavarian Historical Commission upon the editing of the documents of Philip of Swabia, Otto IV. of Brunswick, and the Emperor Friedrich II. He was a specialist upon the history and antiquities of Livland, upon which he published a series of works between 1865 and 1878, including the new edition of the 'Bibliotheca Livoniæ His-

Prof. Buchheim writes to call attention to an omission in the obituary notices of Dr. Rost which seems to have been general. It was nowhere stated that he held in the seventies the post of Examiner in German at the University of London for a period of five years. Dr. Buchheim thinks that it is specially gratifying for those who have enjoyed the same distinction to know that they have had, directly or indirectly, such a distinguished colleague in the great examining institution.

At a meeting held this week to settle the question of the Booksellers' Dinner about twenty members of the trade were present, and after a discussion, in which Mr. Murray, Mr. Bentley, Mr. Reginald Smith, Mr. F. H. Miles, Mr. Unwin, and others took part, it was unanimously agreed to hold the dinner on April 25th, at the Holborn Restaurant. Darton has undertaken to act for another year as chairman of the executive committee.

THE Parliamentary Papers of the week include a Report by the Director-General of the Army Medical Department on the Health of the Army for 1894 (1s. 3d.); a

Report on Formosa by Mr. Perkins, Assistant in H.M.'s Consular Service (3d.); the Annual Report of the Registrar-General on Births, Deaths, and Marriages in England, 1894 (1s. 5d.); and a Numerical List and Index to the Sessional Papers of 1894 (1s. 10d.).

SCIENCE

Prehistoric Man in Ayrshire. By John Smith. (Stock.)

The map which Mr. Smith has drawn as a frontispiece to this volume shows in a remarkable manner the distribution of prehistoric remains throughout the county of Ayr. There is not an inch of blank space visible from one end to the other. Every portion of the county has been occupied from times of remote antiquity, and the occupants have left traces of their presence throughout it. Those traces include every variety of monument and of implement. Mr. Smith summarizes them in his preface as

"ancient caves, cairns, stone coffins, mounds, long barrows, shell heaps, remains of cannibal feasts, cromlechs, crannogs, rock-graves, camps, turf-spirals, hill-forts, stockades, divans, kits, military trenches, 'druidical' circles, hut-circles, vitrified walls, monoliths, rocking-stones, treaty-stones, sanctuary-stones, rock-sculpturing, cups and rings; flint, stone, jasper, agate, bone, horn, Druids' glass, iron, bronze, brass, gold, silver, leather and other implements, utensils, ornaments and weapons; woodcarving, urns with human ashes, pottery, pigments, &c."

It would seem that a description of the remains of this one county might almost constitute a complete enchiridion archeologicum for the student of prehistoric times. Mr. Smith has qualified himself to discourse upon them by traversing the whole of the county on foot. He has not, however, cherished the ambitious design of making his work a manual of archeology. On the contrary, he has arranged it on a purely local principle, taking the several parishes or districts from north to south—forty-six in number—and describing under each of them the prehistoric remains it contains.

In doing so, he has attached a wide definition to the term "prehistoric," and has also introduced many matters which cannot by any stretch of interpretation be brought within it. The book opens with the following words, without any exordium whatever: "Largs district.—The most northern anti-

"Largs district.—The most northern antiquity in Ayrshire is what tradition calls the Roman bridge......This bridge is in the real Roman high-arch, plain-centre style."

A remark, however, on the same district shows that Mr. Smith is a shrewd and careful observer, and alive to the temptations archæologists are sometimes under of seeing what they wish to see rather than what is:

"In the mouth of Skelmorlie Glen, there is what has been called a serpent mound. I merely mention it to say that its describer has been sadly in error, and this error has been often reproduced. When I visited it, several trees, which had grown on its summit and sides, had been blown down, and it did not take much geological skill to see that this serpent mound was a naturally stratified deposit left in this particular serpentine form by part of the old raised beach on each side of it having been carried away by the two little streams which flow on either side."

So strong is the local element in the work that the author frequently winds up the description of a parish with items of modern information that are certainly interesting, information that are certainly interesting, but rather belong to a "statistical account of Scotland" than to a treatise on prehistoric archæology. For example, of his own district of Kilwinning he says:—

"Corsehill Muir (now a plantation) is a bit of rising ground, on which the ecclesiastical ceremony of witch burning used to be performed. At Fergushill are the remains of an old lade, which supplied water to drive a wheel wherewith the old coal pits used to be drained. On Montgreenan lands, in the Chapel Park, there was found a pot of silver coins. At the entrance to the Monks' Walk there is a sculptured stone built into the gable of a house, high up. It is supposed to represent David, the shepherd king, playing on the harp. In a field near the town there was got a copper counter, with w PIT DRIVE on it. In Montgreenan policies, near the ruins of the tower, fortalice, and manor place of Montgreenan, there was a waulk-mill. The first day of November is called Bell's day, the first of February St. Winning's day.

We are not disposed to quarrel with Mr. Smith for these excursions into historic times, which, indeed, lend a quaint interest to many of his chapters; nor need they induce his readers to overlook the substantial value of that part of his work which really relates to prehistoric remains. He possesses a spirited pencil, from which the majority of the 281 illustrations in the book have proceeded; and though somewhat rough in the sketching, his pen-and-ink work on the whole is accurate and lifelike. Cleaves Cove, in the district of Dalry, is a site that has been thoroughly explored by Mr. Smith himself, who removed some 300 tons of material from it, and has discussed in a separate work the stalactites and stalagmites which he met with. It yielded deposits of different periods—only a single flint implement, a small, finely formed knife, many objects of bone and horn, some silver and bronze ornaments, and finally, several objects of iron. In Kilmarnock an urn was found, containing three beautifully formed flint arrow-heads, of a type rarely met with in Ayrshire, and at Jock's Thorn, in the same district, an ornamented stone ball, the only one known to have been picked up in the county. Other exceedingly well-made arrowheads have been discovered on the Shewalton Moor in the Dundonald district, and at Stevenston.

In Bartonholm sandpit, in the Irvine district, Mr. Smith picked up a hollow flint scraper out of the stratified sand at a depth of 10 feet from the surface. This, by the way, is referred to in the index under "Bartonholm," but not under "flint" or "scraper," where several other less interesting specimens are duly recorded. They abound in the Ardeer sands, in the district of Stevenston. The only artificially polished flint implement known to the author as having been found in all Ayrshire was at Buxton, in the Kilmaurs district.

One vitrified wall has been seen by Mr. Smith in Ayrshire, on Kildon hill, forty-three paces in length; what has been called a vitrified fort at Kemplaw is not so, but gives an appearance of vitrification in a few stones soldered together by the action of fire, in-

geniously accounted for by an old man on the spot: "That's whaur th' brunt th' folk lang syne." Mr. Smith, indeed, suggests that the spot would be a suitable one for the ceremony of cremation, should that practice again come into use in Ayrshire.

He defines the archeological periods of the county as follows: the earliest, that of the 20 to 40 ft. raised beaches; next, the shell mound period, with hand-made pot-tery; third, the flint period; fourth, the bronze period; and most recent, the slag and wheel-turned pottery period. We cannot but think it would have added to the usefulness of the work if this or some similar grouping had been followed throughout, instead of the strictly local arrangement which the author has adopted; or at least if some general summary had been added, in which indications could be found of the districts where remains belonging to the several periods are to be looked for. He may possibly do this for his readers in a second edition. Meanwhile, they have to thank him for a most interesting review of the prehistoric remains of his county, and earnestly to wish that every other county in Great Britain had some one able to furnish an equally thorough and valuable record. The index is good (eighteen pages), but, as we have seen, it, like every other work of human hands, is not perfect.

GEOGRAPHICAL NOTES.

THE telegraphic despatch announcing Dr. Nansen's great achievement is provokingly laconic, and leaves free scope to all kinds of unprofitable conjectures. The good news originated with a nephew of the well-known Siberian trader Kushnaref, who has a station at Ust Yansk, facing the New Siberia Islands, and was forwarded, in the first instance, to M. Kandakof, at present staying at Yakutsk, and by him to Kirensk, whence it was telegraphed to Irkutsk and Europe. All this message tells us is that Dr. Nansen has reached the North Pole, that he has found land there, and is now on his way home.

Let us hope that these glad tidings are based on fact and not on idle report. Dr. Nansen was last heard from in August, 1893, when on the point of entering the Kara Sea, which in that year was exceptionally clear of ice, and held out a fair promise of a speedy voyage to the mouth of the Lena, where dogs for the sledges were awaiting him. Dr. Nansen never called for these dogs. An open sea, such as Russian explorers have invariably met with to the north of New have invariably met with to the north of New Siberia, may have induced him to attempt reaching the Pole, or, at all events, high latitudes, without loss of time. He hoped that favourable currents might carry his ship, even though embedded in the ice, across the North Pole to the Greenland Sea. Intervening land, however, or impenetrable masses of ice may have stopped his progress. Perhaps he was even compelled to abandon his ship and effect an escape with the aid of his boats and sledges, as Capt. Weyprecht did in 1874. It is thus that he now turns up in Eastern Siberia instead of on the east coast of Greenland, where Eskimo, some six months ago, fancied they saw his ship.

A 'Handbook of Arctic Discoveries,' by General Greely, will be issued early next month by Messrs. Sampson Low & Co. It will be accompanied with a series of eleven maps of the Arctic regions.

We regret to hear of the decease of General Walker, who did excellent service to science as

Surveyor-General of India. Those interested in the "Freeland" movement started by a Dr. Hertzka, of Vienna, will

feel interested in an account of the expedition which was dispatched to East Africa for the purpose of founding a colony and a Freeland State on the slopes of Mount Kenya, which Herr R. H. Schmitt contributes to the Mittheilungen of the Vienna Geographical Society. The author, a well-known member of the German-Austrian Alpine Club, joined the expedition at his own expense, as he hoped to be afforded an opportunity of reaching the very top of the African giant mountain. He now speaks his mind freely on the thorough mismanagement of the enterprise, and warns his readers against another expedition of the same kind, which it appears is being organized.

Diplomatists and boundary commissioners may read with profit an article by Dr. Kurt Hassert on the 'Natural and Political Boundaries of Montenegro, which appears in the last number of the Zeitschrift of the Berlin Geographical Society. They will then find that the so-called "natural" boundaries, however convenient they may be for descriptive purposes, are not in very many cases the best suited for dividing state from state, or even one community from the other. The same periodical contains tables by Dr. A. Bludau for equivalent and equidistant projections of a hemisphere. That Berlin should have been chosen for the "hub" of these tables is only natural; but why have the British Islands been omitted on the accompanying map? Are they considered une quantité négligeable at Berlin?

SOCIETIES.

ROYAL.—Feb. 13.—Sir J. Lister, Bart., President, in the chair.—The following papers were read: 'On the Behaviour of Argon and Helium when submitted to the Electric Discharge,' by Dr. J. N. Collie and Prof. Ramsay.—'On the Generation of Longitudinal Waves in Ether,' by Lord Kelvin,—'On the Discharge of Electricity produced by the Rôntgen Rays, and the Effects produced by these Rays on Dielectrics through which they Pass,' by Prof. J. J. Thomson.—and 'On the Absorption of the Extreme Violet and Ultra-Violet Rays of the Solar Spectrum by Hæmoglobin, its Compounds, and certain of its Derivatives,' by Dr. Gamgee.

GEOLOGICAL.—Feb. 5.—Dr. H. Woodward, President, in the chair.—Col. C. K. Bushe and Mr. J. Turner were elected Fellows.—The following communications were read: 'On the Morte Slates and Associated Beds in North Devon and West Somerset, Part I,' by Dr. H. Hicks,—and 'Evidences of Glacial Action in Australia in Permo-Carboniferous Time,' by Prof. T. W. E. David.

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Society of Antiquaries.—Fcb. 13.—Sir A. W. Franks, President, in the chair.—Bishop Vertue exhibited the Sforza Missal, a fine MS. volume written for Ludovico Maria Sforza, Duke of Milan, probably between 1494 and 1497. This missal is according to the Roman rite and not that of St. Ambrose.—The President exhibited the lower part of a small brass box or case that had lately come into his possession, engraved on the sides with figures of various saints under canopies. On the bottom is also engraved a long and inflated Latin inscription of very doubtful meaning, commemorating the completion in 1520 of some work of art begun in 1516 that appears to have been kept in the case.—Mr. W. H. St. John Hope read a paper on some recent discoveries made in St. Martin's Church, Canterbury, by the removal of the modern wall plaster from the west wall of the nave. These consisted of (1) a lofty archway from which the jambs and voussoirs had unfortunately been removed, and (2) two original small round-headed windows, which had subsequently been increased in height. The walls of the nave are throughout built of white mortar, but the voussoirs of these window-heads were laid with pink mortar, and the wall had been plastered with the same material. Mr. Hope pointed out the remarkable similarity of construction between the work at St. Martin's and that of the admittedly Roman tower or pharos in Dover Castle, the window-heads of which are built of alternate tween the work at St. Martín's and that of the admittedly Roman tower or pharos in Dover Castle, the window-heads of which are built of alternate tiles and thin stone slabs, which seems also to have been the case at St. Martin's. Mr. Hope showed that the plan of St. Martin's differs from those of St. Pancras, Canterbury (c. 597), Rochester (604), Lyminge (633), and Reculver (664) in several points, and suggested that the nave might actually be part of the church described by Beda as "anciently built in honour of St. Martin, while the Romans still

dwelt in Britain,' and afterwards used for worship by Queen Bertha and Bishop Liudhard, and later by Augustine and his companions on their arrival in

STATISTICAL — Feb. 18.—Mr. C. S. Loch, V.P., in the chair.—A paper was read by Dr. F. Warner 'On the Mental and Physical Conditions among 50,000 Children seen 1892-4, and the Methods of studying Recorded Observations, with Special Reference to the Determination of the Causes of Mental Dulness and other Defeat? and other Defects.

LINNEAN.—Feb. 6.—Mr. C. B. Clarke, President, in the chair.—The Rev. E. Woodruffe-Peacock and Mr. W. Cole were admitted, and Messrs. J. Backhouse, Gilbert Christy, and I. Richards were elected Fellows.—Sir W. H. Flower presented to the Society, on behalf of the subscribers, a portrait of Mr. W. Carruthers, ex-President of the Linnean Society, painted by Mr. J. Hay.—Prof. C. Stewart exhibited a series of dissections of skulls, illustrating the development of air cavities. The skulls of a herring carefully dissected to show the relations of the ampullæ of the pneumatocyst to the cranial bones; of a crocodile, to show those of the extra tympanic pulle of the pneumatocyst to the cranial bones; or a crocodile, to show those of the extra tympanic cavity and siphonium; of a rook, to show the limitations and relationships of the vesicular and other strata of the cranial roof; and of a chinchilla and a phascolarctus, to illustrate the variations and development of the "bulla" and of its associated structures, were the chief objects shown. Prof. Stewart expressed himself favourable to the belief Stewart expressed himself favourable to the belief that the parts mentioned in the herring are functional for acoustic purposes. In this he was supported by Prof. Howes, who referred in detail to the arrangements occurring in Hyodon and Mormyrus as substantiating this conclusion.—On behalf of Mr. B. G. Cormack, Dr. D. H. Scott gave the substance of a paper 'On Polystelic Roots of certain Palms.' He remarked that, with scarcely any exception, roots show one normal vascular bundle or stele. The author, utilizing material from Ceylon, found that in Arcas catechu, Linn, Cocs nucifera, Linn, and a species of Verschaffellia, the young roots agree with this condition; but on examining older and thicker portions of the same roots, he found many steles present. After discussing the origin of this, the author considered the change to be primary. the author considered the change to be primary, not secondary, and suggested that these roots might serve as props to the stem.—The paper was criticized by Mr. G. Murray and Prof. Trail, Dr. Scott replying to objections.—Mr. R. M. Middleton read a paper 'On a Remarkable Use of Ants in Asia Minor,' communicated by Mr. Miltiades Issigonis, of Smyrna. It was stated that the Greek barber-surgeons of the Levant employed a large species of ant for the purpose of holding together the edges of an incised wound. The ant, held with a forceps, opens its mandibles wide, and being then permitted to seize the edges of the cut, which are held together for the purpose, as soon as a firm grip is obtained the head is severed from the body. Mr. Issigonis had seen natives with wounds in course of healing with the assistance of seven or eight ants' heads. The ant referred to was a large-headed species of Camponotus, not unlike the author considered the change to be primary wounds in course of healing with the assistance of seven or eight ants' heads. The ant referred to was a large-headed species of Camponotus, not unlike one found in India. Mr. Middleton recalled the fact that a similar observation concerning a species of ant in Brazil had been recorded many years ago by Mr. Mocquerys, of Rouen (Ann. Soc. Entom. France, 2 Ser. ii. lxvii.), as quoted by Sir J. Lubbock in his work on ants, bees, and wasps; but the observation, strange to say, had not been confirmed either by Bates or Wallace during his travels in South America.—Dr. J. Lowe commented upon the irritation generally caused by the bite of an ant, and remarked that in this operation apparently no attention was paid to the usual antiseptic precautions which are regarded as indispensable in modern surgery.—Sir W. Flower considered the observation of much interest from an ethnological point tion of much interest from an ethnological point of view, as showing the independent existence of same custom in countries so far apart as Brazil and Asia Minor.

PHILOLOGICAL.—Fcb. 7.—Mr. H. Bradley, V.P.. in the chair.—The first paper read was by Mr. I. Gollancz 'On the Song of Wade,' the mythic hero with his magic boat Guingelot, the father of Wayland Smith, the grandfather of Wittgas. Chaucer twice mentions Wade, and makes l'andarus tell his 'Tale' to Creseide after their merry supper, before he brings Troilus to her. Wade is also alluded to in the A.-S. 'Traveller's Song,' in Early English romances, in Malory, Camden, &c. In the M.H.G. 'Kudruu' he is Wate, the old and wise; and he is in the story of King Wilkin, or the 'Vilkina Saga.' Speght, from his Chaucer, 1598, 1602, seems to have seen the Early English poem on Wade, but probably spegnt, from his Chaucer, 1529, 1602, seems to have seen the Early English poem on Wade, but probably could not understand it, and therefore says, "Concerning Wade and his bote called Guingelot, as also his strange exploits in the same, because the matter is long and fabulous, I pass it over." Since then the poem had not been heard of till a few

weeks ago, when Dr. James, of King's, Cambridge, who is cataloguing the Peterhouse MSS, came on a puzzling English passage in an early thirteenth century Latin sermon on humility, and appealed to Mr. Gollancz to tell him what it meant. Mr. Gollancz found it to be six lines of the long-lost 'Tale of Wade'—in which his father, the giant Hildebrand of Tentunic myth is mentioned—and 'Tale of Wade'—in which his father, the giant Hildebrand of Teutonic myth, is mentioned—and was, of course, delighted with the discovery. The tale or poem dates, at latest, from the early years of the thirteenth century, and is in short quasi-alliterative lines, much like those of Layamon. The preacher is speaking of the fall of man, and says that Adam was turned from a man into almost a non-man; and so were nearly all other men; so that they might say with Wade: "Some are elves, and some are adders; some are sprites who dwell by the waters. There is no Man, except Hildebrand alone,"

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INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS - Feb. 18, Sir B. Baker, President, in the chair.—The paper read was 'On the Electric Street Railway System of Montresl, Canada,' by Mr. G. C. Cuningham.

SOCIETY OF ARTS.—Feb. 17.—Prof. J. M. Thomson delivered the first lecture of his course of Cantor Lectures 'On the Chemistry of certain Metals used

in Building.'

Feb. 18.—Mr. W. H. Preece in the chair.—A paper
'On the Development of Electrical Tractical Appa-'On the Development of Electrical Tractical Apparatus' was read before the Foreign and Colonial Section by Mr. Parshall, of the General Electric Company, U.S.A., and was fully illustrated by lantern slides.

Figh. 19.—Sir O. Roberts in the chair.—A paper 'On the Report of the Royal Commission on Secondary Education' was read by Mr. H. Macan and was followed by a discussion.

MATHEMATICAL.—Feb. 13.—Prof. M. J. M. Hill, V.P., in the chair.—Miss G. Chisholm was admitted into the Society.—The Chairman read the opening paragraphs of a paper by Prof. Forsyth, entitled 'Geodesics on a Quadric, not of Revolution.'—Prof. 'Geodesics on a Quadric, not of Revolution.'—Prof. Elliott gave an account of a paper, by Mr. A. L. Dixon, 'On the Potential of Cyclides.'—Mr. Love communicated a paper 'On Solid Ellipsoidal Vortex.' by Mr. R. Hargreaves.—The Chairman (Mr. M. Jenkins, V.P., pro tem. in the chair) and Mr. Tucker made short impromptu communications. The latter was to the effect that if any square PQRS be inscribed in a circle ABC, and the Wallace lines of P. Q. R. S. with regard to the sides of the triangle ABC be drawn, they form by their intersection a quadrilateral, the midpoints of whose three diagonals are the centre and ends of a diameter of the ninepoint circle of ABC.

PHYSICAL.—Feb. 14.—Annual General Meeting.—Capt. W. de W. Abney, President, in the chair.—The Chairman, after referring to the position of the Society, called upon the Treasurer to read the The Chairman, after referring to the position of the Society, called upon the Treasurer to read the balance-sheet.—After a discussion on the financial status of the Society, in which a number of members took part, the ballot was held for the election of a President and Council for the ensuing year.—The following gentlemen were declared duly elected: President, Capt. W. de W. Abney; Vice-Presidents. Mr. S. Bidwell, Major-General E. R. Festing, Prof. J. Perry, and Mr. G. J. Stoney; Secretaries, Messrs. T. H. Blakesley and H. M. Elder; Treasurer, Dr. E. Atkinson; Demonstrator, Mr. C. V. Boys; Other Members of the Council, Mr. W. Baily, Mr. C. V. Burton, Mr. L. Fletcher, Mr. R. T. Glazebrook, Prof. A. Gray, Mr. G. Griffith, Prof. G. M. Minchin, Prof. W. Ramsay, Prof. S. P. Thompson, and Prof. S. Young.—The Chairman read an obituary notice of the late Right Hon, T. H. Huxley.—The meeting was then resolved into an ordinary science meeting, and a paper 'On the Determination of High Temperatures by the Meldometer,' by Prof. Ramsay and Mr. Eumorfopoulos, was read by the latter. MEETINGS FOR THE ENSUING WEEK

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Society of Arts, 8.— The Standard of Musical Pitch, 'Mr. A. J. Hipkins.
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London Institution, 6. - 'Ramble through City Churches,' Rev. Canon Benham.

Electrical Engineers, 8. - Conclusion of Discussion on Electric Wiring; 'High-Voltage Lamps and their Influence on Central Station Practice,' Mr. G. L. Addenbrooke.

Antiquaries, 83. - Note 2s Local Secretary for Cumberland.' Redwell, Derbyshire,' Mr. J. D. Leader; 'Two Founders' Hoards found in Essex,' Mr. H. Lower.

Physical, 5. - Experiments with Incandescent Lamps, 'Sir D. Salomons; 'The Alternating Current Arc,' Messrs. Fleming and Petave.

Civil Engineers, 8. - 'Loughborough Sewage-Disposal Works, Mr. A. S. Butterworth, (Students Meeting)

Royal Institution, 5. - Marine Organisms and their Conditions Called The Martine Organisms and their Conditions.

Royal Institution, 5. - Light,' Lord Rayleigh.

Science Gossip.

THE Ethnographical Survey Committee of the British Association would be glad to receive offers of assistance from persons capable of making the requisite measurements of in-dividuals belonging to rural populations. The Committee would supply instruments and full information. It is suggested that competent observers might find it interesting to occupy themselves during some part of the Easter vacation in this manner. Applications may be made to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. S. Hartland, Highgarth, Gloucester.

Messrs. Crosby Lockwood & Son have nearly ready for publication a volume entitled 'Light Railways for the United Kingdom, India, and the Colonies,' by Mr. John Charles Mackay, A.M.Inst.C.E. The work deals with the construction, working, and financing of "little" railways, and gives detailed particulars, with copious illustrations, of a number of such undertakings, with their locomotives and roll ing stock, already at work in this country and abroad.

A NEW comet (a, 1896) was discovered by Mr. Perrine at the Lick Observatory in California on the morning of the 13th inst. It was in the constellation Aquila, and so near the place of the comet discovered by Mr. Perrine on November 17th that, when the telegraphic announcement arrived in Europe, it was at first supposed that they might be identical. But on the morning of the 16th inst. Prof. Lamp, of Kiel, observed both near together, the new one (which he had independently discovered on the 14th, one day after Mr. Perrine) being the brighter. It was moving in a north-westerly direction.

In honour of the memory of Prof. A. W. von Hofmann, the German Chemical Society, whose founder and long-standing president he was, has commissioned his successor, Prof. E. Fischer, together with Dr. Martius and Prof. F. Tiemann, to write his life.

THE report of Prof. Turner, Savilian Professor of Astronomy at Oxford, for last year has been issued, and indicates continued activity in those departments of science to which the energies of the university observatory are devoted; but some special difficulties were occasioned in the early part of that year by the severity of the weather. Several useful additions to the instrumental equipment have been obtained: one (a 12-inch silver-on-glass reflector) the gift of Dr. Common, President of the Royal Astronomical Society.

FINE ARTS

THE ROYAL ACADEMY.—WINTER EXHIBITION.
(Fifth and Concluding Notice.)

HAVING noticed the English and French pictures, we may proceed to dispose of the examples of the Italian, Spanish, and Low

Country schools.

Although a few excellent Flemish pictures are to be found in this exhibition, there are many fewer of them than usual; most of them are considerably below the Academy's ordinary standard. One of the most interesting of the Italian is Mr. Ruskin's rough sketch of a life-size, full-length, half-nude figure of Diana (No. 99), really a wonderfully able study from a young and exuberant Venetian model, clad according to Venetian conventions when an antique goddess or nymph was introduced, and reclining against a bank of rock, as if in an interval of the chase, while two dogs are grouped at her side. It is evidently a study "from the naked," drawn with astonishing facility and daring, and, it must be admitted, with equally astonishing incorrectness as to the proportions, or rather disproportions, of the limbs. 'Diana' was evidently drawn with a brush on a brown ground, the carnations being boldly laid in a primo, and the pigments comprising so little oil that the whole has the dry yet bright qualities of a tempera picture, which indeed it may actually be, and the oil added long after the work left the master's hands. That the brilliancy of the flesh and the unfaded state of the whole work are due to the direct and simple method of Tintoret cannot admit of doubt. This study was probably made for one of those great ceiling pictures the artist painted in Venice, and will prove most instructive to those who study his technique.

Another Tintoret, likewise belonging to Mr. Ruskin, is, for that master, fairly well finished, and, on its own merits, a fine and curious example of his powers, as well as of his manner of treating the very difficult subject of The Doge in Prayer (103). The doge (the Academy Catalogue says Alvise Mocenigo is intended) is kneeling at the foot of a raised platform and near a column placed in the middle of the design, at some distance from the front, and facing the spectator, as well as a group of the Virgin and Child, which, although close to us, is not shown in the picture, and only made apparent by a large dark shadow carefully delineated upon the steps of the platform, and within the picture-plane. Until we have recognized Tintoret's intention in the group and its shadow, the design of the 'Doge in Prayer' remains inexplicable D. and its shadow, the design of the 'Doge in Prayer' remains inexplicable. By way of supporting the entreaties of the suppliant, Christ in glory, attended by a number of resplendent spirits of children, has revealed Himself. He is, so to say, in the act of presenting the doge to His mother, as represented by her statue, which we do not see. His face is upraised, and His arms thrown wide apart and His hands outstretched as He wide apart and His hands outstretched as He appeals to her. The four patrons of the Mocenigo family, a race which gave several doges to Venice, have come to the Virgin's shrine in order to support the prayers of Alvise (if it be he), and Tintoret has grouped them-i.e., SS. John the Baptist, Augustine, John the Evangelist, and Gregory-on our right, a quartet of noble figures instinct with that grace which your Venetian master, who was quite aware that all the saints were gentlemen, never failed to infuse when a tutelar saint was That the event celebrated in this in question. picture, whatever it was, concerned Venice as a sea power no one can doubt who notices that between the pillars of the building Tintoret has given posterity a view of the blue ocean, and a squadron of galleys and carracks afloat, some of which have hoisted their sails,

while others have placed their double or triple banks of oars outboard and ready for a voyage. The brilliance and intense variety of the colours of this striking glimpse of the water prove that there were sea-painters before Mr. Hook taught us how glorious is the coloration of the ocean in sunlight. The shipping is most curious, and hardly less so is the sunlit white marble of the palace fronts conspicuous in the background the picture. On our left is the Doge's Palace. Apart from these noteworthy though subordinate elements, lovers of Tintoret will not fail to observe with what dramatic force the master conceived and carried out his idea of the apparition of a tall and dignified Saviour and Mediator, clad in a blue robe so thoroughly radiant that, as Correggio was accustomed to have it, his Christ is the source of light in the whole of this design. Nor will they omit to notice that the saints salute the glorited vision of an almost imperial Christ like so many gentlemen who have unexpectedly met a magnifico upon the Piazza. The visitor should observe, too, that in the foreground the golden Lion of St. Mark couches, half concealed in its shadow, at the foot of the group of the Virgin and Child.

A third Tintoret (105) comes from Col. R. Vivian, and is a sketch for Il Paradiso of the Doge's Palace. Mr. C. Ionides's Portrait of a Man (111) is a capital example of the master's powers in that line. Bronzino's Portrait of Francesco Ferruccio (102), belonging to Mr. Erskine, is worthy of admiration for its perfect drawing, polished modelling, brightness, flawless condition (the sure sign of a scientific method of painting and unimpeachable pig-ments), and high finish. As a portrait its charms lie in Ferruccio's pensive look, the subtle ex-pression of a half-abstracted, half-observant mind, and a most alert intelligence, swift to see and yet without rashness. The dullest will understand how great is the merit of an artist whose portrait expresses character in this refined way. Such are the qualities of most of Bronzino's portraits, none of which excels this one. Another excellent Bronzino is Lord Rosebery's likeness—beautifully painted and admirably drawn—of Don Garcia de Medicis (112), a half-length, half-life-size figure of a handsome boy in a bright red doublet of silk. But the hands are meaningless, and their position is

awkward.

Titian's Landscape (106), from Buckingham Palace, may have been originally a very fine example of the magnificent powers of the originator of landscape painting in the modern sense of that term. At present, like all the landscapes which bear the names of Titian, Gaspar Poussin, &c. — who employed almost identical methods of painting and materials which must have been similar—it is sadly dark, and has been injured by other things than the mere deterioration of the pigments, the "coming through" of the ground painting, and successive coats of varnish. Dr. Waagen rightly observed that the view was taken from Friuli. The grouped portraits in Titian and Franceschini (108), which came from Windsor Castle, were formerly in the Whitehall Collection of Charles I., and in Vander Doort's catalogue are thus described: No. 11. Item. The picture of Titian himself, done by himself, and his friend by him, in a red velvet gown, being one of the senators of Venice, half figures; in an old carved and gilt frame; bought by the King."
It was sold for 112?. when the royal collection was pillaged. Nevertheless it figures in the catalogue of James II.'s pictures as "No. 293. Titian and Aretine in one piece, and Vertue, who printed the catalogue, identified it as "now at Windsor." Old writers were very apt to imagine Aretino in any Titian-like portrait of an elderly gentleman, especially if he wore a red robe, which, of course, the satirist did not wear. This face is in no respect like his, but it has been recognized as beyond question a likeness of the Grand Chancellor of Venice in 1529, Titian's friend and employer. The composition is art-less, and both in tone and colour the painting is conspicuously pale and thin. It was No. 107 in the Academy, 1877.

Few pictures here deserve so much attention as Mr. Benson's Circe (110), by Dosso Dossi, a whole-length nude figure (very carefully drawn and painted) of the fair witch seated on a rock in a darkened arbour near a cavern, at the foot of a huge tree whose branches stoop over her head. A piece of green drapery, of which Circe has divested herself, lies upon her knee and forms beautiful "colour" with the carnations that were originally more rosy than now. Dossi's flesh is, however, it may be remembered, ordi-narily rather pale. The careful execution of the almost polished flesh of this nudity, com-bined with the elegance of the model who sat for it, and the extreme, almost classic grace and choice style of the figure, embody most of the higher peculiarities of that phase of the Renaissance of which Dossi was one of the best and most original exponents. That he was a scientific draughtsman is proved by the drawing of the head and features, while the morbidezza of the torso and lower limbs is unusually true. The animals that are grouped around Circe look like stuffed specimens; but the sunlit rocky and woody landscape is full of poetic expression. One of the dogs wears a jewelled collar. Only three of Dossi's works have preceded this one at the Academy, and only five others at the British Institution. Virgin and Child, with Saints (107), is a capital example of Bonifazio. The life-size, threequarters-length figure of the Virgin in the Holy Family (118), by Ludovico Carracci, contains ample proofs of the power and skill of this prince of the eclectics, no good specimen of whose art comes before us without compelling us to regret that he was not born a hundred years earlier and trained in a severer school. As it is, Ludo-vico's fine sense of style and his love for noble types of form, which recall to mind the stately graces of Sebastiano, are distinguishable at their best in this capital group.

Spanish art is well represented by the Portrait of the Duke of Medina (101), ascribed to Velazquez, masculine, full of character, and marked by a sense of humour in the rendering of the sitter's peculiar expression. We dare not say it is not by Velazquez. Lady Wallace's Don Balthazar Carlos (115) is a well-known and Balthazar Carlos (115) is a well-known and admirable illustration of that master's colour and his perfect chiaroscuro. It is not identifiable in the notices of Ford, Stirling-Maxwell, Curtis, or Justi, i.e., if the measurements and descriptions of the Academy Catalogues of 1890 and 1896 are trustworthy. It reminds us of the Amsterdam portrait, No. 320. The Portrait of an Infanta (117) is a capital Velazquez. The hand of the little lady rests on a little dog painted in the happiest way by an admirable dog painter; she wears a black dress of excellent execution, and harmonious in its colour with all the surroundings of the group. The prim little princess is depicted to the life in a picture of which the technical charm is perfect, from the flesh painting to that of the lace collar.
The dog occurs in the Belvedere portrait said to represent the short-lived Infante Don Philip Prosper, and is supposed to have been one of the favourites of the poor boy's father. This por-trait does not recall the features of the royal house of Spain during Velazquez's time.
Claude's Sermon on the Mount (194) and its

Claude's Sermon on the Mount (104) and its famous companion, The Worship of the Golden Calf (109), belong to the Duke of Westminster. The treatment of the subject in the former is extremely naïf and quaint. Christ and the apostles are grouped among the trees which nearly cover an isolated dolomitic rock, a sort of pulpit on a large scale. This lofty mass occupies the centre of the view, not far from the foreground. On the plateau of cornfields

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and pasture from which the rock rises Christ's audience of shepherds and others are confusedly kneeling in various attitudes, not at all well designed. The puerile design and feeble conception of the theme are almost compensated for by the grandeur, expansiveness, and rich colour-ing of the vast landscape. The distance is ing of the vast landscape. The distance is closed in by a noble range of mountains, and ncludes a curving bay, its level sands and shipping, the whole displayed in bright and strong sunlight, the effect of which is extremely rich in tone as in colour. This picture has darkened even more than Claudes usually do. The sea, course, is the Sea of Galilee. 'Liber Veritatis' this subject is represented by No. 138, and described as painted for Mon-seigneur de Monpiglier (Montpellier) in 1656. There is a drawing of it in the British Museum, and another belongs to the Duke of Devonshire. The picture itself is Smith's No. 138, and was formerly in the Agar Collection, from which the then Lord Grosvenor bought it in 1806. 'The Worship of the Golden Calf,' an exceptionally cool and pearly example, is Smith's No. 129, and as a composition, as well as on account of the dramatic nature of its design account of the dramatic nature of its design and the brightness and expansiveness of its atmosphere, rightly reckoned among the best of Claudes. It is represented by No. 129 in the 'Liber Veritatis,' and described as having been painted in 1653 for Carlo Cadillo. On the authority of Young's 'Catalogue of the Pictures in Grosvenor House,' Smith said that it belonged to Sir P. Lely. That it is not menioned in the Lely sale catalogue is no disyrpof tioned in the Lely sale catalogue is no disproof of this statement, because Sir Peter, like many other distinguished artists, both bought and sold pictures during his lifetime, whereas the sale catalogue was compiled after his decease. It was engraved by Lepinière in 1781. There is a drawing of it in the Louvre, and a finer one in the British Museum. A good cut of the latter faces p. 72 in the 'Claude Lorrain' of Lady Dilke, 1884, to which we owe several of these parts. It came from the Mostford and these notes. It came from the Montford and Agar Collections, and was bought from the latter in 1806. 'The Sermon on the Mount' was No. 156 in the Academy, 1871, while 'The Golden Calf' was No. 267 in the same place at the same time.

The Duke of Abercorn's noble Portrait of a Genoese Lady (113) is a masterpiece of Van Dyck's, painted during his visit to Genoa, and, like all his works of that epoch, full of grace, vivacity, and beauty. The lady is attired in a dress of cream-coloured satin, richly embroidered with heavy gold lace. She is embroidered with heavy gold lace. She is walking to our left and partly drawing her robe from before her feet, and, with the air of a fair young queen, holds her head aloft as she moves. Her rosy carnations are set off by the masses of chestnut hair; the coloration is enhanced, and the costume of the time is illustrated, by the grey ruff about her neck, her lace cuffs edged with black, and the black ribbon which, going athwart her breast, may indicate some sort of Court mourning. Few of Van Dyck's pictures show more distinctly the influence of Venetian It is in perfect preservation. and better-known Van Dyck is the Duke of Westminster's Virgin and Child, with St. Catherine (114), which is very sweet, natural, and pure in taste. The influence of Van Dyck's Italian studies is manifest in the design, as well as in the colouring, the suavity of the faces, and the gracefulness of the figures. The models from whom he painted the faces were, on the other hand, distinctly Flemish, probably of Antwerp, where traces of the Spanish occupation are, even to this day, observable in the beauty of the women. In Carpenter's 'Pictorial Notices of Van Dyck,' p. 57, there is a postscript of a letter, now in the State Paper Office, from Sir Balthazar Gerbier to the Lord Treasurer Weston, dated from Brussels, where the writer was English Resident at the Court of the Archduchess Isabella:—

"Believing that some rarity would be acceptable to your Excellency, to present either to the King or the Queen, as a New Year's Gift, I have purchased a very beautiful Virgin and St. Catherine, by the hand of Van Dyck, which I send your Excellency by the bearer. It is, I believe, one of the best pictures Van Dyck hae executed, and I think will afford great pleasure to the King. I entreat your Excellency will be pleased to accept it from your very humble servant B. G. 6-16 December, 1631."

The picture does not appear in King Charles's Catalogue, and therefore Weston may have kept Sir Balthazar's gift to himself. See likewise Carpenter, pp. 59, 61, 63. It seems from the after correspondence that Van Dyck, for some reason of his own, or through a mistake as to the picture in question, endeavoured to show that Gerbier's purchase was not authentic, but a copy. This picture is Smith's No. 3, and is undoubtedly genuine. It was formerly, according to Smith, in the church of the Récollets at Antwerp, and is believed to be the work that belonged to Mr. Agar Ellis, from whose collection it passed to that of Earl Grosvenor. Smith valued it at 1,000 guineas, and it was at the Academy in 1871 and 1876, Nos. 214 and 113 respectively; in 1887 it was No. 51 in the Grosvenor Gallery. It has been engraved by Bolswert, Snayers, and

Of the thirty - eight pictures hanging in Gallery IV., proportionately fewer than usual deserve special admiration, and among them several—such as the interesting and spirited, but curiously ill-drawn Flying Angel (159) of Masaccio, which Lady Henry Somerset has lent for the third time—are not novelties. The Portrait of Francis le Neve (130) is a very good Jansen, less cold in its colour and less hard in its handling. The pattern of the Persian tablecover before him is curious. Mr. P. Gordon Smith's Francis I. with the Attributes of St. John the Baptist (134) belonged to the late Mr. Lewis Pocock, who believed it to be a late work of Da Vinci. An interesting and in many respects a meritorious work, it is now cautiously described as of the "Milanese School." Technically speaking, it is quite out of the question that any portion of it except the face can be by Leonardo, and the face might possibly be the work of Leonardo's old age when his powers were failing. The picture is inscribed to the effect that it was painted when Francis I. was in his twenty-fourth year (1518), a date which agrees very well with the un-shorn condition of His Majesty's beard and other features of his face. As Da Vinci died May 2nd, 1519, there is nothing obviously impossible in the claim of the portrait to be by him. In January, 'Codice Atlantico,' two days after the departure of Francis, he set out from Romorantin for Amboise, and it is extremely improbable that the painter and the monarch ever met again. We know, too, that during the later months, if not years of his life, the the later months, if not years of the always dilatory Italian could not be got to always dilatory Italian could not be got to says (a statement to be taken at what it is worth, as, at best, given at second hand), to proceed with the great design of St. Anne, the cartoon of which he had brought with him from Milan to Amboise about January, 1516. This cartoon, the gift of a forgotten donor, is now the property of the Royal Academy, and here hangs before us as No. 166. It is not likely that Da Vinci would begin a new portrait of Francis, and carry it so far as the face before us is carried. On the other hand, he might have done so at Milan before his last emigration. Leonardo at that time was between sixty-four and sixty-five years old, so he could not have painted in the manner of Mr. Gordon Smith's picture. Apart from all this, considering the date on the portrait to be true, and regarding only the technique of the face, we may conclude that some follower—one of the Milanese School—was really the author of the picture which has provoked so much inquiry and so many doubts. To return to the cartoon of the 'Holy Family,' it alone will more than reward a dozen visits and the most careful study. It justifies all that has ever been said or written in Da Vinci's honour, and, unique among the works which, rightly or wrongly, bear his name, it is in what is practically an entirely unsophisticated condition, and not materially injured in any way.

What may once have been due to the hand of Luini in St. Catherine (136) is hidden under repaints. David with the Head of Goliath (137), which belongs to Mr. C. Butler, is neither, (137), which belongs to Mr. C. Butler, is neither, as the Catalogue surmises, by Dürer nor even by a member of his school. It is probably by some commonplace Swabian. The Portrait of Sir T. More (138), by Holbein, belonging to Mr. E. Huth, was so lately at the New Gallery that we need not now do more than mention it. An excellent and characteristic Patinir, St. John with the Lamb (139), is a brilliant and delicately touched example of the manner of the artists of the valley of the Meuse. Our Lord bidding Farewell to His Mother (142), which, fairly enough perhaps, bears the name of Hugo Van der Goes, is a capital piece. Scenes from the Life of St. John the Baptist (146 and 153) are parts of a predella, and capital in their way, which is a very interesting one, and they deserve much more attention than is commonly paid to such minor elements of the great altarpieces. Virgin and Child (147), whether by Pinturicchio or not (and it at least comprises most of his types), is quite charming. No. 148, Coronation of the Virgin, is a graceful Gothic specimen of the pure and spiritual phase of the early Florentine School. As a Virgin enthroned it repeats beautifully all the fine conventionalities of its school as they are represented in such masterpieces as the Angelico at the Louvre. F. Lippi's Scenes illustrating the Fable of Cupid and Psyche (150) is most curious, and besides full of quaintness and spirit. The Virgin and Child with Saints (158) does not remind us of Giovanni Bellini, to whom it is ascribed. We commend to students Cariani's Portrait of a Man (163), by one whose works go by many other names than his, and are sometimes foisted upon those who ought to know better as by Bellini, or even Titian, to say nothing of Giorgione. The Academy's Temperance (160) is at best but a copy—by Geddes, it has been said—of a Giorgione.

In the Water-Colour Room is a singularly fine collection of goldsmiths' works, civic companies' and ecclesiastical plate, to which, our space being exhausted, we can only call attention as one of the finest gatherings of its sort. It remains for us to thank the generous owners who have lent their treasures to the Academy, as well as the Council for the opportunity we have enjoyed of studying so many fine and curious works as go to make up the twenty-seventh Winter Exhibition in Burlington House.

THE LATE PRESIDENT'S STUDIO.

Lord Leighton's studio remains for the present untouched, and all things in it are unchanged, but, alas! its handsome, intellectual, and courteous owner is missing, and will never again receive his guests as of yore. A number of new and nearly finished pictures—works of the last season and those intended for this year's exhibitions—stand upon the easels ranged in a line, and, as previously, in the most favourable light the noble room affords. As everything belonging to the late President will be sold by Messrs. Christie in July next, none of the new pictures will be exhibited till then, although the artist will not, we trust, be wholly unrepresented at Burlington House in the summer. The rule of the Academy is that in the season after a member's decease one work only of his shall have a place upon the wall. If this rule be strictly adhered to, there will, of course, be no difficulty in finding a fine example of

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Leighton's art not before shown to the public. It will, however, be the less necessary to break the rule because it is understood that, in similar cases, advantage will be taken as in similar cases, advantage will be taken of the next winter exhibition of deceased masters' works to show Lord Leighton at his best in a numerous selection of pictures and sculptures, from the 'Procession of Cimabue' to the productions of last year, which, as we said above, are now on the easels.

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The most ambitious of the new works is a circle, not less than seven feet in diameter, remarkable for brilliant tonality and pure coloration, and representing Perseus high above the earth, mounted upon golden-hoofed Pegasus and looking far down below him, but not as before when Leighton painted the rescue of Andromeda, and her deliverer hovering close overhead. In the new picture the champion is swiftly descending nearly to the level of the lofty points of the cliffs of Joppa, as Pliny had it, whose summits occupy the foreground of the picture, while from below the flames and smoke of Neptune's altar and the sacrifice offered on of Neptune's altar and the sacrifice offered on it to the angry god rise in the still and sultry atmosphere. Perseus holds in one hand the head of Medusa by the tresses like blue snakes, so that its ghastly visage can be seen by the monster. Andromeda is not visible. With his other hand Perseus is gathering about his shoulders the rose-coloured robe, which descent has caused to flutter over his head. The action is at once graceful and spirited, and, like the physical type of the champion, quite representative of Leighton's taste. In largeness of style as well as in draughtsmanship this figure is not—as might, indeed, be expected—quite up to the painter's mark. The finest part is, we think, the white horse galloping just before checking his descent with his outspread wings. Here the skill and learning of the President are manifest. Between the group and the summits of the hills we look down upon the dark levels of the sea, streaked with blue reflections of the firmament and greyer bars which repeat the huge bases of the motionless clouds pregnant with thunder. In the distance and beyond the sea are the peaks and multance and beyond the sea are the peaks and multiform valleys of Palestine and a world of clouds gathering over them. The second large picture before us is a life-size figure of Clytic, clad in an olive-coloured dress; she has raised upon the lofty platform an altar to her lover, and piled it with pomegranates, grapes, and other fruit. She is kneeling with outstretched arms and hands; her head is thrown back in passionate adoration, so that her auburn tresses have broken from their fillet and roll in masses upon her shoulders. In this manner she is hailing the uprising of Phœbus Apollo. The dawn fills the atmosphere, and, firing the cloudy region of the east with splendid pomp, seems to roll away behind us masses of white vapour which impart a striking character to the scene. A third picture is a life-size bust of a lady of imperial beauty, such as Zenobia is said to have been, and seen (an unusual thing in Leighton's practice) in shadow. Her face is slightly lifted, but she is looking down under her drooping eyelids. An Eastern dress of rose-coloured tissue and an under robe of white add much to the charm of the work, and the ample masses of dark brown hair fall from the ample masses of dark brown hair fall from under a diadem to the shoulders. A fourth example shows the life-size head and shoulders of one of the attendants at the Crucifixion, an expressive and beautiful study of a woman who, in an agony of sorrow, is looking up as if to the Cross, and clasping her hands passionately together. Apart from the pathos of the features and action of this figure, the merit of the painting proper is very great, especially the soliditing proper is very great, especially the soliditing proper. ing proper is very great, especially the solidity of the modelling and the exquisite drawing of the features, which are thoroughly scientific. A half-length, life-size figure of a Bacchante adjusting a leopard's skin upon her naked shoulders, looking down and smiling as she

does so, is a capital study. The last example we have to describe is an unfinished life-size, half-length figure of a girl turned in profile to our right, her face being in half-shadow and framed in loosened and heavy masses of tawny

THE GERMAN EXCAVATIONS AT ATHENS.

WHILE the German excavations on the southwest side of the Acropolis at Athens, of whose progress notices appear from time to time in the Athenœum, are still in progress and we await new results, it will not be out of place to offer an observation on the most important piece of literary evidence bearing on that intensely interesting topographical problem, which the Director of the German Archeological Institute Director of the German Archeological Institute and his discoveries have placed in a new light. The passage in Thucydides, ii. 15, is the keystone of Dr. Dörpfeld's brilliant reconstruction (developed in the Athenische Mittheilungen, xvii. 439 sqq., xix. 143 sqq., 496 sqq., xx. 160 sqq.). As to the truth of that reconstruction of the property of the construction of sq.). As to the truth of that reconstruc-tion, when Dr. Dörpfeld was good enough to show me his discoveries last February and ex-plain his views at length, I felt, like others, considerable doubts; since then, meditation over the evidence has convinced me that his identifications of the Enneacrunus and the Temple of Dionysus Lênæus in Limnæ are proved, and that the general theory, in which these form important details, is correct. The Thucydidean passage is decisive, though on it those who controvert Dr. Dörpfeld's theory chiefly insist.

In this passage editors have strangely failed to see that the received interpretation is untenable because it ascribes to the author a glaring

ignoratio elenchi.

Thucydides says that before the synacismus of Attica (which he attributes to Theseus) the polis was confined to the Acropolis, along with ' αὐτὴν πρὸς νότον μάλιστα τετραμμένον, of which words the most natural meaning is the southern part of the (only) approach to the Acropolis on the west. In proof of this he appeals to sanctuaries on the Acropolis itself and to the proximity of certain other sanctuaries to this part of the (present) city. Among these other sanctuaries—outside, but close to the old polis-he names four: that of Olympian Zeus, polis—he names four: that of Olympian Zeus, the Pythium, the sanctuary of Gê, and that of Dionysus in Limnæ. This mention of the temple of Olympian Zeus and the Pythium together—especially in the suggestive neighbourhood of the Enneacrunus, which is noticed just below — generated the received view that the Greek words cited above mean the ground under the Acropolis on its south side. The polis had to be brought down towards the Ilissus. So far as the Greek is concerned, this interpretation is not impossible, but it is certainly awkward.

Now, supposing that no excavations had ever suggested a different view, it might have oc-curred to a thoughtful editor that, if the Olympiæum and Pythium near the Ilissus were meant, Thucydides must have entertained curious notions of the nature of a proof. In order to show the limits of the polis before Theseus he cites the position of two temples built in the sixth century. The works of Pisistratus prove nothing about the city before the synæcismus; old sanctuaries alone— ιερὰ ἀρχαῖα, like the Dionysium, which Dr. Dörpfeld has excavated-are relevant to the argument. It is futile to urge that there may have been old shrines of Zeus and Apollo on the sites of the Pisistratean temples. For if that were the point, it was an indispensable part of the argument, and must have been explicitly stated; just as it is explicitly stated, in the next sentence, that the Enneacrunus of the tyrants represents the site of the old fountain of Callirhoe. Thucydides could not assume in his readers special archeological knowledge in the former case more than in the latter.

It follows that the Pythium and the sanctuary of Olympian Zeus to which Thucydides refers were not the famous temples of Pisistratus, and must be sought elsewhere. Dr. Dörpfeld has brought forward evidence for placing them near the north-west corner of the Acropolis, and this may be accepted provisionally as a plausible hypothesis which fits in with the rest of his reconstruction. But in any case the old theory stultifies Thucydides, and, once this is recog-nized, Dr. Dörpfeld's interpretation, with its consequences, is inevitable. J. B. Bury.

SALES.

Messes. Christie, Manson & Woods sold on the 13th inst. the following sculptures: Veiled Bust of a Lady, life size, by Lombardi, 31l. Rebecca, by Ives, 52l. A Shepherd Boy and Dog, by Malpieri, 131l. Bust of a Lady, life size, by Poncet, 48l. The Piping Faun, after the antique statue in the Capitol, Rome, 48l.

after the antique statue in the Capitol, Rome, 42l. A Fount in Marble, with French mask, 30l. The Victor, life size, by Cauer, 24l.

The same auctioneers sold on the 15th inst. the following. Pictures: C. B. Barber, The New Keeper, 137l. T. S. Cooper, En Route to Falkirk Tryst, 141l.; On a Farm in East Kent, Saltwell Castle, 189l. E. Nicol, Asking a Favour, 152l. Drawings: Sir O. Brierly, The Armada sailing from Ferrol, 57l.; The Defeat of the Armada off Gravelines, 58l.

Messrs. Robinson & Fisher sold on the 13th inst. the following, the property of Mr. E. Priestman. Drawings: B. Foster, At the Cottage Door, children at play, 50l.; The Archway, Clovelly, 60l. Pictures: E. J. Niemann, Tottenham Ferry, 198l. G. P. Chalmers, Running Water on the Esk, 56ll. F. Goodal, Pyramids of Gizeh, 286l. E. Nicol, Fishing in a Scotch Burn, 111l. Alma Tadema, A Peep A Scotch Burn, 111l. Alma Tadema, A Peep through the Trees, 231l. C. Lawson, The Valley of the Doone, 605l. G. Cole, Harvesting in Surrey, 390l. C. Jacque, Sheep on the Outskirts of a Wood, 550l.

Fine-Art Gossip.

At their meeting on Thursday evening last, the Royal Academicians elected Sir John E. Millais as their President, in the place of the late Lord Leighton.

MESSES. BOUSSOD, VALADON & Co. will, on and after Monday next, exhibit at 5, Regent Street, "Twenty Masterpieces of the Barbizon School of Painters." The private view occurs to-day (Saturday).

SIR WILLIAM AGNEW, on retiring from business, resigned the presidency of the Printsellers' Association, and Mr. George William Agnew has been elected President, with Mr. Algernon Graves as Vice-President, and Mr. L. H. Lefèvre as Treasurer.

Our readers will be glad to hear that, although he is yet very far from recovered from a recent effusion of blood upon the brain, producing partial paralysis, Mr. G. P. Boyce "continues to improve slowly." Of course, he sees no one.

"I AM loth to criticize the kindly biographical notice which you published in the Athenæum," writes Mrs. Orr; "but it contains some little writes Mrs. Orr; "but it contains some little errors which may be worth correcting. The Empress Alexandra whom our grandfather attended—though, I think, only occasionally as senior of the two English physicians attached to the Russian Court—was the wife of the Tsar Nicholas. Our father never practised while we lived in Bath, nor, so far as I know, at any time after our grandfather's death, which took place in 1843. It was on settling in Bath that he dropped his M.D., in compliance with the argument that, as he did not wish to practise, his retaining it would create confusion in a place so largely occupied by doctors—a compliance which he never ceased to regret.

In this extract from Le Journal des Arts of the 5th inst. we have an object lesson for archæologists more instructive than that which is due to the worthy who removed a Celtic cross from Cornwall to his garden in Sussex, or to the gentleman who was knighted for moving an Egyptian obelisk to the Embankment :-

"M. Ch. Picketti, ingénieur des arts et manufac-tures. vient d'acheter en Bretagne le dolmen de Ker-Han et de faire transporter au cimetière de Meudon les treize blocs de granit dont il se compose pour en composer un tombeau monumental à son père, riche industriel, mort l'an dernier, et qui avait réuni dans sa villa de Meudon une riche collection de spécimens archéologiques."

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THE excavations on the south of Sebastopol have led to the discovery of the great Byzantine city Cherson, which is to be distinguished from the town of the same name at the mouth of the Dnieper. The different quarters of the city and the principal buildings have been laid bare, and the finding of the ruins of no fewer than thirty churches shows the former importance of the place. The city itself is built upon the site of one still more ancient, and relics of Greek-Scythian art and culture are being daily unearthed, including coins with the symbol of the ancient city, the Diana of Tauris with the hind. An inscribed stone confirms the assertion of the ancient writers that Chersonesus was a colony of the Pontic Heraclea. Dr. Kosciusko, the director of the excavations, has built a small provisional museum upon the spot, from which the most important of the "finds" are dispatched once a month to the Hermitage at St. Petersburg or to the Historical Museum at Moscow.

MISS JANE HARRISON writes :-

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"Will you allow me to supplement, and in part correct by information received direct from Dr. Dörpfeld, the notice that appeared in the Athenaeum of February 15th respecting the German excavations near the Hephaistos temple (popularly known as the Theseion)? Your correspondent says 'excavations will shortly be made.' The work has been going on since early in January; the excavators are digging not 'around' the Theseion, but on a piece of ground lying on the south east slope of the hill Kolonos Agoraios; the work was begun at No. 24 of the modern Poseidon Street. A second piece of ground has been bought at No. 16 of the same street, and work will begin there next week. The object of excavating these two sites is to determine the situation of the Stoa Basileios, the first building described by Pausanias on entering the Kerameikos. The statement that Dr. Dörpfeld places the ancient agora' around the Theseion is not accurate; he places the 'ancient agora' immediately in front of the spot where he claims to have found the site of the Enneakrounos."

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THE WEEK.

St. James's Hall.-London Symphony Concerts; Popu-

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CRYSTAL PALACE.—Saturday Concerts.
QUEEN'S HALL.—Stock Exchange Society's Concert.
QUEEN'S HALL AND ALBERT HALL.—Ash Wednesday

An extra London Symphony Concert was given by Mr. Henschel on Thursday, the 13th inst., when the programme was entirely devoted to the music of Richard Wagner, having regard to the anniversary of the Bayreuth master's death. Commencing with the strenuous Overture to 'Rienzi, Henschel passed, as regards instrumental items, through the Prelude to 'Lohengrin,' selections from the third act of 'Die Meistersinger,' the Prelude and "Liebestod" from 'Tristan und Isolde,' and the "Trauermarsch" from 'Götterdämmerung.' All these familiar excerpts were played with much energy, and it may be said with effect. The vocal pieces were "Elizabeth's Greeting" from 'Tannhäuser,' finely sung by Madame Marie Duma; the quintet from the third act of 'Die Meistersinger'; the "Charfreitag's Zauber" from 'Parsifal'; and "Wotan's Abschied" with the "Feuerzauber." In this Mr. George E. Holmes displayed a pleasant baritone voice and a refined style, and Mr. Edwin Wareham was acceptable in the excerpt from the

latest work of Wagner.

At last Saturday's Popular Concert, Lady Halle made her last appearance for the present season, at any rate as leader, and joined Mr. Leonard Borwick in a very fine rendering of Beethoven's 'Kreutzer' Sonata, for pianoforte and violin, Op. 47. Brahms's bright and genial String Quintet in c, Op. 111, was given, in which, as Dr. Hanslick well observes, we note that the composer finds his strength more and more "in the expression of healthy and proportionately simple feelings." The piano solo was Bach's Partita in c minor, No. 2. This was played by Mr. Borwick with all the chaste expression and clearness in touch which it demands. The vocalist was Madame Alice Gomez, who was far more successful in Goring Thomas's song 'To Welcome You' than in Handel's florid air "Lusinghe più care."

On Mondayevening Herr Joachim made his annual rentrée, and, of course, received a very warm welcome. A Beethoven Rasoumowski quartet frequently opens the scheme on these occasions, and the choice this time fell on No. 2 in E minor. At once the Hungarian violinist proved that his gifts as an artist are unimpaired by time. His playing was as powerful and expressive as ever, and even his intonation, which sometimes is not without flaw, was on this occasion beyond reproach. Similar remarks will apply to the interpretation of his solo, the adagio in E minor from Spohr's Violin Concerto in E minor, and to the encore, which was an unaccompanied air of Bach. Miss Fanny Davies was heard to the fullest advantage in three Clavierstücke by Brahms, from Op. 10, Op. 76, and Op. 116. The last, in B minor, is a very cheery and piquant little piece. Beethoven's Trio in c minor for strings, Op. 9, No. 3, completed the instrumental portion of the programme. Mr. Hugo Heinz sang with admirable taste Rubinstein's 'Es blinkt der Thau' and Mlle. Chaminade's pretty little song 'Toi.'

The Crystal Palace Concerts were resumed last Saturday, and an excellent programme drew an audience above the average at this season in point of numbers. The symphony was Beethoven's in A, No. 7, which received a faultless interpretation under the direction of Mr. Manns. Herr Willy Burmester played Spohr's Violin Concerto in E minor, No. 7, in a manner that, technically speaking, was without flaw. In commemoration of the recent anniversary of Wagner's death the Overture to 'Rienzi,' the Prelude to 'Parsifal,' and the "Kaisermarsch" were features in the programme. Unfortunately Miss Ada Crossley, who was announced as Katherine Fisk was an able substitute, giving the air "My heart is weary," from Goring Thomas's opera 'Nadeshda,' and a song by Signor Leoncavallo, 'Schwerer Abschied,' with much intelligence.

The performance of the Stock Exchange Orchestral and Choral Society on Tuesday evening was one of the most artistically suc-

cessful yet furnished by this admirable organization; Mr. George Kitchin well sustaining his reputation as the conductor of wellequipped amateur forces. The symphony was Schubert's comparatively light and melodious work in c, No. 6, written when the master had only reached his twenty-first year. It is more suggestive of Haydn and Mozart than the true Schubert, whose powers were destined to blossom and die within ten years of the year named. Mr. Walter Mac-farren's new overture, 'Othello,' conducted by the composer, is a semi-realistic piece, showing the hand of a good musician and also the influence of Mendelssohn in a marked degree. Miss Torrens-Johnson gave a delicate, though it cannot be said sufficiently poetic rendering of Schumann's Pianoforte Con-certo; Mrs. Helen Trust was unexceptionable in her songs; and the male-voice choir sang with the most welcome refinement pieces by Mendelssohn, Barnby, and other composers.

Ash Wednesday was observed in quite imposing measure, the number of concerts of sacred music being not only larger than usual, but, on the whole, more elaborate and ambitious. In the afternoon the Queen's Hall Choral Society gave a generally excel-lent performance of Mendelssohn's 'Lobgesang' and Rossini's 'Stabat Mater,' with Miss Alice Esty, Madame Belle Cole, Mr. Ben Davies, and Mr. Watkin Mills as the Cole, and Mr. Randegger as conductor. In the evening the annual performance of Gunod's trilogy 'The Redemytion' by the Gound's trilogy 'The Redemption' by the Royal Choral Society took place under the direction of Sir A. C. Mackenzie. Many members of the Albert Hall Choir were visibly affected, but they sang as finely as ever. Miss Esther Palliser, Miss Margaret Hoare, Madame Belle Cole, and Messrs. Lloyd Chandos, Charles Copland, and David Bispham were all praiseworthy as the principal vocalists. Between the parts Sir Arthur Sullivan's 'In Memoriam' Overture was played, as a tribute to the Society's lamented conductor Sir Joseph Barnby. Miscellaneous concerts of music suitable for the day were provided in the evening at the Queen's and St. James's Halls, but of these no criticism is required, though it may be said that a large number of eminent artists took part in the performances.

Musical Gossip.

WE are now in receipt of the official prospectus of the eighty-fourth season of the Philharmonic Society, the dates of the concerts in the Queen's Hall being the 27th inst., March 19th, April 22nd, May 6th and 20th, and June 3rd and 17th. Various works by deceased and contemporary composers which was he and contemporary composers, which may be regarded as classical, are promised; and, as novelties, Borodine's Symphony in E flat, No. 1; a ballet suite by Mr. F. H. Cowen; a Scotch fantasia for pianoforte and orchestra by Sir Alexander Mackenzie, the solo part of which M. Pederowski has promised to play. which M. Paderewski has promised to play; a violin concerto, to be played by M. Johannes Wolff, written for him by M. Benjamin Godard; and some orchestral works by Dvorak, who will and some orchestral works by Dvorak, who will conduct them. We need not enumerate the familiar compositions selected, but the list is interesting. There is one trifling error—Brahms's Symphony, No. 2, being in Dmajor, not Dminor, as stated. Beside the artists already named the directors have engaged Messrs. Eugene d'Albert, Reisenauer, Rosenthal, Sapellnikoff, Emil Sauer, and

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Ondricek; and Mesdames Sophie Menter, Sembrich, Ravogli, Amy Sherwin, and Esther Palliser. Sir Alexander Mackenzie will again be the conductor.

THE continued excellence of the Royal College orchestra was displayed at the concert conege orenestra was displayed at the concert given on Friday evening last week under the direction of Prof. Villiers Stanford. Beet-hoven's 'Eroica' Symphony and M. Saint-Saëns's fiery symphonic poem 'Phaëton' were the principal instrumental items, and a new and cleverly written ballad for chorus and orchestra, 'Herve Riel,' by Mr. H. Walford Davies (exscholar), was produced for the first time.

THE conductor of Sir Charles Halle's Manchester concert on Thursday last week was Mr. Adolph Brodsky. On Thursday this week M. Paul Tafanel, conductor of the Paris Conservatoire, was announced to direct the programme as a mark of respect to the memory of Sir Charles Halle"; and next week Mr. F. H. Cowen will enter upon his duties with a performance

Mr. Arnold Dolmetsch's interesting programme of antiquarian music at 6, Keppel Street, on Tuesday afternoon, included items by Henry Lawes, John Jenkins, Purcell, Mar-cello, Handel, J. S. Bach, and Rameau.

PROF. VILLIERS STANFORD'S new opera, 'Shamus O'Brien,' shortly to be produced at the Opéra Comique Theatre, is understood to be a comparatively light, but at the same time a romantic work, and is founded on Le Fanu's poem bearing the same title. It is said to be thoroughly Irish in tone, as of course it should be, the book being from the pen of Mr. George H. Jessop. 'Shamus O'Brien' will be under the H. Jessop. superintendence of Sir Augustus Harris, and it will be presented early in March.

We have pleasure in announcing that M. Lamoureux and his celebrated Parisian orchestra will give three concerts in London this season at the Queen's Hall, the dates being the evenings of April 13th and 16th, and the afternoon of the 18th.

Vocalists and musicians generally are speaking warmly on the question of musical pitch in this country, and, as a matter of course, all advocate the adoption of the diapason normal on every ground. Among those who have recently given sensible utterances on the subject are Dr. Hubert Parry, Madame Adelina Patti, Miss McIntyre, Miss Clara Butt, Prof. Villiers Stanford, Mr. Plunket Greene, and Mr. David Bischen With David Bispham. With such a consensus of opinion on the part of eminent musicians, the French pitch will surely be substituted generally for the cruelly high scale used for so many years here. The only difficulty is one of cost, and this will have to be surmounted.

THE Court Theatre at Liverpool, which has for several years been the principal centre of the Carl Rosa Opera Company, has been let on lease, and the performances there will take place in future after the pantomime season, thus giving time for an annual winter series of operas in the metropolis. What is London's gain is therefore not Liverpool's loss.

THE North Staffordshire Musical Festival will be held at Hanley on October 28th, 29th, and 30th next. The prospectus is not yet to hand, but we learn that among the principal works to be performed are 'Elijah,' the 'Lobgesang,' 'The Spectre's Bride,' Sir Arthur Sullivan's 'Light of the World,' and a new cantata from the pen of Mr. Elgar.

MR. D. MAYER has arranged with Mr. A. Nikisch to give two orchestral concerts at St. James's Hall, on the evenings of April 20th and May 4th. These will be his only appearances in London, ais duties in Berlin and Leipzig preventing him making a longer stay.

WE regret to announce the sudden death of Mr. George Watson, the Registrar at the Roya

College of Music. Mr. Watson had filled his office—in which, of course, a practical man of business was required—to the perfect satisfaction of the authorities; and his courtesy to the representatives of the press whose duty it has been to attend the concerts in association with the Royal College has frequently demanded warm acknowledgment.

THE Sunday concerts at South Place have been indifferently supported this winter, we are sorry to say, and unless a change for the better occurs the season will close on March 1st.

HERR OESTERLEIN'S Wagner Museum has been removed to Eisenach, and it will shortly be reopened to the public. The new custodian is Prof. Kürschner.

ANOTHER Wagnerian triumph has been recently won at Turin, where 'Götterdämmerung has met with an enthusiastic reception with Frau von Ehrenstein as Brünnhilde.

HERR SIEGFRIED WAGNER is taking an active part in the rehearsals for this year's performances at Bayreuth, which have already commenced.

PERFORMANCES NEXT WEEK

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DRAMA

THE WEEK.

TERRY'S.—'Jedbury Junior,' a Light Comedy in Three Acts. By Madeleine Lucette Ryley. STRAND.—Revival of 'On 'Change,' a Comedy in Three Acts. Adapted by Eweretta Lawrence.

Hovering with uncertain wing between domestic comedy and farce, violating probability alike in character and incident, ill made and worse equipped, 'Jedbury Junior,' transferred from America to England and produced at Terry's Theatre, seems to challenge condemnation at all points. Thanks, however, to its very defects of construction — extraordinary as such a statement may seem—it not only escapes censure, but wins approval. Learning from the hero how, in the course of a trip round the world, he has bungled into the bedroom of a single lady, whom he has so gravely compromised that he has been forced by her fire-eating father to wed her; hearing also that the marriage contract has been signed in a wrong name, that of a friend of whose card he happens to have been possessed; and finding the girl who is the subject of these flippant nuptials is established in his father's house, the audience, repressing a yawn, leans back in its seat to extract what amusement it can from the promised farce. Farce is not, however, what is supplied. Through this preposterous portal the author leads the public into scenes of domestic tenderness, and at the moment when they were preparing to snigger, they find themselves trying vainly to suppress a tear. Why the interest is tender we know not, but tender it is. The piece is manifestly trivial and inept. Its opening action shows the hero abandoning for a garret the fashionable apartments he has occupied, hoping thereby to soften the heart of a dictatorial sire. Nothing whatever comes of this device, except that the hero drinks brandy-and-soda out of a teapot. A misdirected letter is responsible for the whole of the second act, in which a father bundles his only son from his door, disinherited and disavowed, with as much feeling as might be expected in dismissing an incompetent servant. In the third act. meanwhile, people come on to and pass off the boards with something akin to the regularity of the stage supernumerary who takes part in a procession. Obviously, then, it may be urged, the play is incapable of being defended. It is even thus. It is equally true, however, that it needs no defence. Its love scenes-charmingly interpreted by Miss Maude Millett, now a real artist, and by Mr. Kerr, unequalled in dis-playing the deeper feeling lurking behind a sort of Rawdon Crawley exterior -stir and please the audience, and in spite of its defects the play proves sympathetic and human. It might well pass for an early work of Albery's. Mr. Gilbert Farquhar is seen to high advantage as a bland and prosperous butler, used as an intermediary between a husband and wife at open feud and conversing only through him. Genuine cleverness is shown in the way in which the rude speech of the wedded disputants is assigned conventional propriety in its final delivery.

'On 'Change,' which has been revived at the Strand, is an adaptation of the 'Ultimo' of Von Moser, first seen at the same house some ten years ago. It is a thin and essentially Teutonic piece, with some unimpressive love-scenes, and with one central and well-drawn figure. This, in the English version, is an acrimonious and pragmatical old Scotch professor, who, undertakes by the "light of nature" to make a fortune on the Stock Exchange. This character is taken once more by Mr. Felix Morris, who supplies an admirable impersonation with scarcely more of caricature than is pardonable. Mr. William Farren, Mr. Yorke Stephens, and Miss Eweretta Lawrence

resume their original characters.

Cheer, Boys, Cheer: Memories of Men and Music. By Henry Russell. (Macqueen.)—On these reminiscences of "an old man fallen into the tales of his youth" Mr. Russell has bestowed the name of his favourite or his most successful song. The book is constituted, as are the majority of theatrical and musical recollections, of "stories old and new, some lies and some true," as says the old proverb, of adventures encountered at home and abroad, and of personal recognition obtained from the men of distinction with whom the writer has come into association. While giving in England and America a musical entertainment which enjoyed great popularity and is not yet wholly forgotten, Mr. Russell met many remarkable individuals, including actors from Kean and Elliston to the younger Mathews and Sothern. He had naturally more or less intimacy with musical composers, as he had with Eliza Cook, Charles Mackay, and others who wrote the words of his songs; and he has something, though not much, to tell us concerning Dickens, Thackeray, Stanfield, Macready, Lytton, Douglas Jerrold, Mark Lemon, and other celebrities, among whom Fenimore Cooper, Henry Clay, and "Sam Slick" need not be forgotten. He was "kissed and dandled" when a boy by

George IV., he met D'Israeli and Macaulay at Lady Blessington's, he visited Red Indians in company with Catlin, and dedicated a book to her present Majesty when he was eleven years of age. His songs enjoyed a marvellous popularity, and served, as he holds, to advance several great movements, including the manumission of slaves, the reform of private lunatic asylums, and the like. At eighty-three he is still erect and vigorous, pleased to think that many of his songs hold their own, and are not likely soon to be forgotten, and ready, if his likely soon to be forgotten, and ready, if his present volume proves acceptable, to supply further reminiscences, though he says—which is discouraging—that these are the cream of what he possesses. To read the book through is no labour, and some good stories are to be found in it. To say that some of them are familiar is in it. To say that some of them are familiar is not to impugn Mr. Russell's memory or his bona fides. He may well have told them a generation or two ago, and allowed them thus to pass into the category of what the American call "chestnuts," and the English "Joe Millers."

Pramatic Gossip.

'TRUE BLUE; OR, AFLOAT AND ASHORE,' by Mr. Leonard Outram and Lieut. Gordon, is promised for the 12th of March at the Olympic.

Ir seems probable that the experiment of exhibiting Miss Ada Rehan as Prince Hal in Mr. Daly's version of 'King Henry IV.,' instead of taking place at New York, as was arranged, will be reserved for London. The success of 'Countess Zucki,' now running at Daly's Theatre in New York, renders any change of programme extremely unlikely.

'THE GEISHA: A STORY OF A TEA-HOUSE,' a musical comedy by Mr. Owen Hall, will succeed at Daly's Theatre 'An Artist's Model.'

To-NIGHT witnesses the first production at the Comedy of 'Gossip,' a four-act play by Messrs. Clyde Fitch and Leo Dietrichstein, the scene of which is laid at Deauville and Trouville-sur-Mer.

'Grosse Fortune,' a four-act play of M. Henri Meilhac, produced on Sunday at the Comédie Française, is scarcely regarded as a success. Its interpreters include Mesdames Pierson and Brandès and MM. Coquelin cadet and Le Bargy.

'MRS. PONDERBURY'S PAST' was, with the changed title of 'Mrs. Ponderbury,' on Thursday successfully transferred to its new home at the Court.

MISCELLANEA

Fleming Street.—In answer to the inquiry of your correspondent Mr. C. W. Heckethorn, allow me to say that reference to 'New Remarks of London,' 1732, shows that, as he suggests, "Flemish Court Yard," as it is called in 'London and its Environs,' should be "Flemish Church Yard." This name was changed to Flemish Street somewhat before 1810, as may be inferred from the following references in be inferred from the following references in Lockie's 'Topography of London,' first edition,

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In the second edition, 1816, the reference is merely to Flemish Street. I can find no mention of Fleming Road. In each of his editions Lockie refers to a one-sheet map of London he intended to publish; it was to exceed in copiousness even Horwood's map of thirty-two sheets. I have not been able to find that he published such a map.

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